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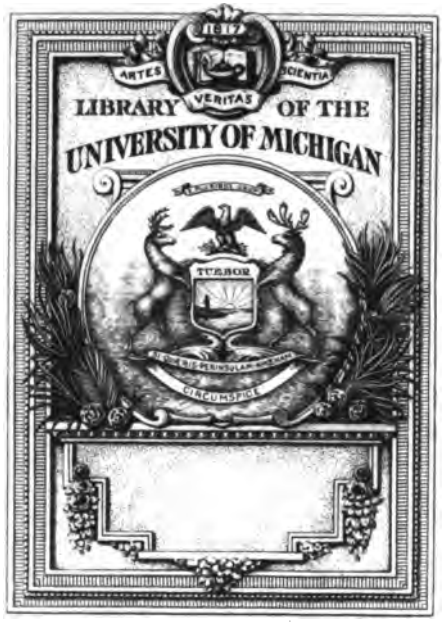

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JANUARY 17, 1812 TO MARCH 23, 1812

[218] In Common Council January 17th 1812

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr Recorder President

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	Samuel Jones Junr
Thomas Carpenter	Peter Hawes
Charles Dickinson	Augustine H. Lawrence
Richard Cunningham	Elisha W. King
John Morss	George Wilson
Isaac S. Douglass	Josiah Hedden
George Buckmaster	Michael M. Titus
Peter H Wendover	Wm J. Waldron
Nicholas Fish	John Drake
John Pell	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

A Communication was rec'd from the Governors of the New York Hospital informing that they had appointed a committee to confer with the Corporation, on the subject of Patients rec'd from the Alms House by the Hospital and of Paupers sent by them to the Alms House, Resolved that the following be a Committee on the part of this Board to confer with said Committee

Aldn Wendover
Mr Titus
Mr Hawes.

[219] A Petition of John Machell who had been suspended as a Watchman by the Captain of the 4th district praying to be restored was read & referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of the Foremen of the several Watch Districts praying an additional compensation for their services, was read & referred to the Watch Committee

A Letter from John ONeal Collector of the 6th Ward was read stating that on calling upon Mr P. J. Munro & Dominick Lynch for their taxes of the last year, they had objected to pay that portion which was levied for Canal Street alledging that by an agreement with the Corporation they were to be exempted from all taxes & Assessments for Canal Street, & praying the directions of the Board in the premises. Ordered that the same be referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition from Abner Curtis Register of Dogs was read, stating that to carry into execution the Law respecting dogs he had been

necessarily put to considerable expence which by the said Law was to be reimbursed & praying relief from the Board, Ordered that the same be referred to the former Committee on the Dog Law.

A Petition from sundry Cartmen was read praying that an alteration be made in the Law respecting the Sale of Hay [220] so that all Cartmen may be permitted to purchase and Cart for their own use a quantity of Hay not exceeding two hundred weight—Ordered that the same be referred to Ald^{n} Pell M^{r} Titus Hedden

A Petition of John M^{c}Kesson as agent for George Clinton was read stating that in widening Washington Street, ground belonging to said Geo: Clinton had (inadvertently as he presumed) been taken for that purpose & praying relief Ordered that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Thomas Ferris was read praying remission of a penalty incurred by selling liquor without licence, the same having been done inadvertently, he having hired the premises from a person who had a Tavern Licence & which he supposed authorized him to sell under it—Ordered that the same be referred to the Attorney of the Board

A Petition from Samuel Skidmore & Amos Corning praying payment for ground taken for opening Washington Street, between Harison & Hubert Street & was referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition from Fire Engine Company N^{o} 12 praying 100 feet additional length of Leader was read and referred to the Committee [221] on the Fire Department with authority to grant the prayer of the petition.

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants of Harlem and Manhattanville complaining of the obstruction of a road communicating from the Bloomingdale to the Kingsbridge road by M^{r} Mullenor was read & referred to the Road Committee, the Street Commissioner & the Comptroller.

A communication from the Attorney of the Board on the subject of a Billiard table kept by a Martin Morrison was read & referred back to the Attorney for a statement of facts & for his opinion as to the law arising on said case.

A Communication was also received from the Attorney suggesting certain alterations in the Sunday Law which was read & referred to the Attorney with directions to draft a Bill & a Petition to the Legislature on said subject

A Petition was rec'd from the Executors of David Mann stating that the Testator had devised & directed in & by his last Will and

Testament certain parts of his Real Estate to be sold within one Year after his decease, that a part of said Real Estate is included in that part of ground set apart on the Map of the Commissioner of Streets and Roads for a Public Square by the name of [222] Union Place that as no improvements can be safely made on said ground, a sale of it would be attended with a very great sacrifice. They therefore pray that the Corporation will either immediately take measures for taking said ground agreably to the Act in such case made & provided, or that they will aid the Petitioners in an application to the Legislature to exempt said ground from the operation of the act relative to the laying out Streets & Roads &c[a]

A Petition was also rec'd from the Proprietors of the Lots in Hamilton Square, Stating that at the time of the Sale of said lots Conditions were published & a Map of the ground exhibited that agreably thereto the Lots were to be of certain dimensions & were to bound on certain Streets of a certain width & a certain Square was reserved for the sole and private use of the purchasers & future owners of said lots—That according to the arrangements of the Commissioners for laying out Streets & Roads & agreably to the Map by them published, the whole plan as designated by the conditions of sale is changed & the size & position of their lots in reference to Streets is totally changed, & that instead of Private, a Public Square is laid out on the premises, They therefore pray the Board to take the same into consideration & if they shall find their representation just, that they will direct the purchase money and Interest to be returned to them—Whereupon it was Resolved that the two foregoing Petitions, together with those heretofore presented to the Board on the subject of ground reserved [223] in the Map of the Commissioners aforesaid as for a Parade & for a Square called Union Place be referred to the following Committee to devise some general plan on the said subject Alderman Fish M[r] Lawrence M[r] Hawes Ald[n] Mesier M[r] Wilson

A Letter from Charles Devoe to Alderman Fish was laid before the Board stating that he intended making an application to the Legislature at their next Session for permission to erect a Free-bridge from Devoe point in the Town of West Chester to Bussings point on Manhattan Island, and that as he conceived the City of New York was interested in the plan as thereby the distance to Kingsbridge would be shortened a mile, he wished the subject to be laid before the Common Council that they might take such order on it, as they should judge proper, Whereupon it was resolved that the same be referred to the Committee on Surveys.

The Street Commissioner presented returns of delinquents upon the Assessments for opening Elm Street & regulating Grand Street from Goerck Street to the East River & Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collector for collecting the same.

[224] The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 11.

Reuben Hunt Chair Maker John St^{t} 2^{d} Ward v. W^{m} Keefe res^{d}

N° 26

Joseph Vail Ship Joiner East Rutgers S^{t} 7th W. v. W^{m} Warley res^{d}

The City Inspector presented a Return of the Fire Wardens & Firemen of the City which he had received from the Chief Engineer which was referred back to the Chief Engineer for the purpose of adding to same Report an account of the Engines, their stations & condition.

The Committee on the Fire Department on the subject of erecting an Engine House on the ground belonging to the African Church reported, that they had thought proper to accept of the proposition of the Trustees of said Church & had directed an Engine House to be built, which was approved.

The Committee of Charity to whom had been referred the Memorial of the Manumission Society on the subject of boys employed as Sweeps Reported, That in their opinion the case of those persons deserved the consideration of the Board, that they thought that the licensing of Sweeps & under certain regulations with respect to their conduct towards the boys employed under them, would have a good effect, & they recommended that a Committee be appointed to draft an Ordinance to that effect, which was agreed to & it was referred to the same Committee to Report accordingly.

[225] The Committee on the Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 28 reported That the Engine was an old one when granted to that Company & that it is now in a State almost unfit for use, That in their opinion the public interest requires that a new Engine should be built for said Company. They therefore recommend that the Committee on the Fire Department be authorized to cause a new Engine to be built for said company of the size of Six and a half Inch Chamber.

Which is respectfully submitted

Peter Hawes
Isaac S. Douglass

Jan^{y} 13^{d} 1812

Which was agreed to.

The Committee appointed to investigate the accounts of the two Superintendants of Streets for the year 1810 Reported

That they have carefully examined the accounts of said Superintendants, & they find a very material difference in the expence of the Eastern & Western Districts—The Charges of the Superintendant of the Eastern district comprehended under the head of "Contingencies" amount to $82:5\%_{00}$ & are principally for Brooms, Hoes, printing notices &c which in the opinion of your committee are correct and proper—The Superintendant of the Western District in addition to these charges has added $58 for the rent of a stable as a place of deposit for the Brooms &c employed in his department; & a further charge of 1½ chaldron of coal amounting to $21, which Coal it appears was consumed in the Druggist Store of his Son in [226] Pearl Street, These charges your Committee deem unnecessary and highly improper.

Your Committee also beg leave to state that the Superintendant of the Eastern District in keeping the accounts of his department makes no charge for a clerk or for any services connected with the management of his carts: while on the contrary the Superintendant of the Western introduces a charge of $200 for the services of his Son Mr Edward Hitchcock who is said to have acted in the capacity of a Clerk, and the further sum of fourteen Shillings per day during the year to his Son Mr William M. Hitchcock as a compensation for what is termed "Starting the Carts." These two sums amounting to $\$728.5\%_{00}$ in the opinion of your Committee have been paid for services which ought to have been performed by the Superintendant, nor can they perceive any reason why the office of a Superintendant should be reduced to a mere sinecure by such unauthorized appropriations of monies for salaries

All which is respectfully submitted

Janr 17, 1812

Isaac S. Douglass
George Wilson

which was agreed to & the Comptroller was directed to audit the accounts of the Superintendants of Streets upon the principles laid down in the said report

Resolved that until the further orders of this Board the Fire Wardens be directed to suspend all prosecutions for non observance of the Ordinance respecting the number of Fire Buckets with which each house is directed to be furnished.

[227] Upon motion Ebenezer Belknap was appointed a Measurer of Grain &c, in this City.

Upon motion of Mr Lawrence the Resolution laid before the Board by him some time since for the appointment of a Council and Attorney to the Board, was called up, & the consideration postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

Upon motion of Aldn Wendover the Board proceeded to ballot for a Fire Warden in the 8th Ward in the place of Mr Wendover now a Member of this Board when Tunis Van Pelt was duly elected to said Office

A motion was made that when the Board adjourn that they adjourn to meet at the New City Hall, a Division having been called it was carried in the Affirmative as follows

Affirmative Aldn Carpenter Dickinson Cunningham, Morss, Douglass, Buckmaster, Wendover, Fish, Pell Mr Hawes Lawrence King Hedden Titus, Waldron, Drake 16.

Negative Messs Jones Wilson 2

The Common Council, after passing the following Accounts, then adjourned to meet at the New City Hall on Monday next at 4 O'Clock.

[228] The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury.....	16'757.13
Warrants not presented.....	10'976.94
	$5780.19
Jacob Morton City Inspr & recs clerk 4th & 10th inst.....	437.50
Francis Lynch Inspector of Bread 10th inst balance.....	93.20
Wm W. Summers Do 9 do	80. 2
Edward Watkeys Candles for City Hall.....	21.63
Charles Holt 1 Year Subspn to Columbian 1st inst.....	75.
Jas Jenkins Ironmongery for public buildgs to 1st inst.....	221. 2
Abraham Clock leader to Engine No 15.....	175.
Ephraim Ginings Superintendt Lamps 1 Mo: to 11th.....	536.81
Samuel Nichols Street Lamps repairs &cs.....	204.93
Abraham Stagg on acct Second Stt.....	250.
Archibald Smyth on % Delancy Stt.....	200.
Robert Giles contract for building fence Chatham Square.....	195.54
Henry Hulshart inspects paving Washgton & Stanton Sts.....	44.23
Thos & Geo: Lovett % Delancey Stt.....	300.
Abraham Stagg % Second Street.....	200.
Thos & Geo: Lovett % Stanton Street.....	130.
Manhattan Company intt on Bond to 1st inst.....	1160.
John McCammon on acct Bond for Canal Street.....	1000.
B. Skaats for fuel.....	100.
John Youle Stove for Watch house 4th District.....	25.

[229] In Common Council January 20th 1812

Present The Hone DeWitt Clinton Esqr Mayor President
Pierre C. Van Wyck Esquire Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	Samuel Jones Junr
Thomas Carpenter	Peter Hawes
Richard Cunningham	Augustine H. Lawrence
John Morss	Elisha W. King
Isaac S. Douglass	George Wilson
George Buckmaster	Josiah Hedden
Peter H. Wendover	Michael M. Titus
John Pell.	William J Waldron
	John Drake.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

A Petition of John K Flood for permission to relinquish Stall No 20 Fly Market for Stall No 22 Catharine Market lately held by John Lovell deceased was read & referred to the Market Committee

A Communication of Jean Daniel Dutoit was presented & referred to the City Inspector

[230] A Memorial from the Trustees of the City Dispensary requesting the Corporation to extend their Subscription to said Institution was read & referred to the Committee of Charity.

A proposal of James Johnson to fill up the Park with good mould (i. e. in Chatham Street) was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A Request from Pelsue & Gould that their Petition & accompanying recommendations, presented to the Board, might be returned to them was read & the Clerk of the Common Council was directed to comply with their request

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company No 5.

John Delamater Carpenter No 89 Gold St 4 W.
v. Latham Stratton resgd

Isaac Valentine Measurer 15 Bowery 10 W.
v. John Leonard do

Henry W. Rosenbaum Salesman 14 Peck Slip
v. Jos Curtis do

No 13.

Latham Stratton Cooper No 3 Crane Wharf 2d W.
v. Benjamin Strong resigd

Joseph Curtis Merchant 98 Maiden lane 2d W.
v. Philetus Havens 198 Front resigd
John Leonard do 119 William St 2d W.
v. Aaron Brinckerhoff 155 " do
Nicholas B Brower do 187 Pearl St 2d W.
v. Wm Z. Cozens 39 Wall St do
Henry W. Peckwell, Band Box Maker 129 Wm St 2d W.
v. Francis Fairbairn 76 Wm St do
John Stever Furrier 120 Wm St 2d W.
v. Abraham Duryea 2 Burling Slip resd

[231] The Attorney of the Board reported on the complaint against Martin Morrison, that from the terms of the Recognizance entered into by him, he had no doubts of his liability, Whereupon Resolved that the Attorney be permitted to prosecute on the Recognizance.

A Letter was rec'd from Abraham K. Beekman praying payment of the Sum awarded him for ground taken for opening Elm Street, which was referred to the Street Commissioner.

The Committee on the appointment of a Council and as to the compensation due to Mr Hawes, Reported on the latter part of the subject as follows

That in the early part of June last Mr Hawes by a Resolutions of the Board was requested to examine certain Grants & Conveyances & from time to time ever since has performed that duty in the capacity of counsel, besides advising the Comptroller, on various legal subject in relation to the duties of his office—That in the course of that time he has examined upwards of Eighty Deeds or conveyances to or from the Corporation. And your Committee are of opinion it will be reasonable & proper to allow Mr Hawes for the said services the sum of One Hundred & twenty five Dollars, besides all monies which have been disbursed for searching Records, Jany 20th 1812

[232] Which is respectfully submitted

S. Jones Junr
E. W. King
A H. Lawrence

which was agreed to & the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant for the same.

The Committee on the Petition of the Assistants to the Captains of the Watch Reported

That they are fully sensible of the arduous & responsible trust committed to the charge of the Assistants, & the able & judicious man-

ner in which their duties are discharged. During a part of every night & not unfrequently for a series of nights the whole responsibility of the Watch devolves upon them While they are thus in point of duty nearly placed upon an equality with the Captains, their pay is very little greater than that of the Watchmen. Upon these considerations your Committee are of opinion that their nightly pay should be encreased to Eleven Shillings, which sum is the medium between the pay of the Watchmen & the Captain.

Isaac S. Douglass
Jan^{y} 20th 1812. Geo: Buckmaster
E. W. King

which was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner presented the Second Assessment for opening Chamber Street which had been advertized [233] according to Law, with the objections of Theodorus Bailey in behalf of E. Anderson & for himself against it—The objections of George & Peter Lorillard against the same were also presented Whereupon Resolved that they together with the Assessment be referred to the Street Commissioner & to the Assessors for examination & correction if necessary.

The Comptroller presented a Report detailing at considerable length, the accounts of the Debts due by the Corporation, the Revenue of the same, & of the Real Estate to be disposed of & Rented, which was referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to publish such part as they shall judge proper

The Committee on the Petition of Richard Varick presented a Report which was ordered to be referred to the same Committee with authority to negociate with Col^{l} Varick for the purchase of his right to the Premisses in question & to report his terms to the Board.

M^{r} Lawrence moved that the Common Council take up the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Appointment of a Council and Attorney to the Board presented on the 20th May last and laid for consideration, which was agreed to, and being read was as follows

[234] "Resolved that a fit and discreet person of the Degree of Counsellor at Law in the Supreme Court of this State be appointed Counsel and Attorney to this Corporation, whose duty it shall be to advocate prosecute and defend all suits at Law and in Equity on behalf of the Corporation and to advise the Members upon legal subjects in which the Corporation may be interested. And to draw all

such Deeds, Conveyances and Contracts, Laws and Ordinances, and other papers for the said Corporation as shall from time to time be directed, And for all Suits which he shall prosecute or defend for the said Corporation he shall receive the usual taxable costs in such cases, And for all other services to be by him performed the further sum of Five Hundred Dollars per annum" vid page 317

Alderman Morss moved that the words "and Attorney" be stricken out—A Division being called it passed in the

Negative Viz Ald[n] Carpenter Dickinson Cunningham, Douglass Mesier Mess[rs] Jones, Hawes, Lawrence King. Hedden 10

Affirmative M[r] Recorder Ald[n] Morss, Buckmaster Wendover, Pell. Mess[s] Wilson Titus Waldron Drake 9.

The Question was then taken on the Resolution and a Division having been called it passed in the Affirmative as follows

[235] Affirmative M[r] Recorder Ald[n] Mesier, Carpenter Dickinson, Cunningham Douglass Mess[rs] Jones, Hawes, Lawrence, King, Hedden, Titus, Waldron, Hardenbrook 14

Negative Ald[n] Morss, Buckmaster Wendover, Pell, Mess[rs] Wilson, Drake 6

the Blank was then filled with Five Hundred Dollars The Board then proceeded to ballot for a person to fill the Office of Counsel and Attorney when David S. Jones Esquire was duly elected.

Alderman Douglass presented the following Resolution, Resolved that Stephen Hitchcock Superintendant of Streets for the Western District be removed from Office after some debate thereon the consideration was postponed. Ald[n] Douglass then laid before the Board the depositions of Abraham Strange & James Johnson respecting the conduct of Stephen Hitchcock as Superintendant of Streets which were directed to be referred to the Comptroller—The Clerk of the Common Council was directed on application to furnish to Stephen Hitchcock a Copy of the Report of the Committee in his case

Resolved that the Keeper of the County Prison [236] furnish at the commencement of each Court of General Sessions, a Calendar of the Prisoners confined in said Prison for the use of the Justices of Police

M[r] Jones presented the following Resolution

Whereas the new City Hall being in an unfinished state & abounding with combustible materials, prudence requires as a measure of precaution, that the use of Fire therein at present be wholly prohibited, and though its central situation & commodious apartment render it

a suitable place for the meeting of the Board, yet as the safety of the building ought to be consulted in preference to the accommodation of the Members, Therefore Resolved *than* [that] when the Common Council adjourn they adjourn to meet at their former place of meeting in the Old City Hall. A Division having been called it passed in the Negative

Negative Mr Recorder Ald. Dickinson, Cunningham Morss, Douglass, Buckmaster, Wendover, Pell, Messrs Hawes, Lawrence, King, Hedden, Titus, Waldron, Hardenbrook, Drake. 16

Affirmative Aldn Mesier Carpenter Mr Jones, Wilson 4.

Resolved that the Chief Engineer & Comptroller make enquiry & report as to the right of the Corporation to the use of the Manhattan water at times of fire.

[237] Ordered that a Warrant issue for $1000, to John McCammon on account of the Bond which he holds against the Corporation.

The Report of the Street Commissioner & Comptroller on the Petition of Thomas B. Clarke was called up by Mr Jones & after some time spent thereon the further consideration was postponed.

Mr Hedden presented the following Resolution,

Resolved that so much of the Ordinance as relates to the appointment of Street Inspectors by the Superintendant of Streets be and the same is hereby repealed, and that the Street Inspectors shall hereafter be appointed by the Common Council.

which was agreed to—The appointment of Inspectors was postponed & Resolved that the Committee on Streets enquire & report as to the necessity of now employing Inspectors of Streets & if necessary, what number.

Mr Morss gave notice that he would at the next meeting of the Board call up the Report of the Committee on the Petition of the Bakers

The Comptroller reported Cash in Treasury	20,582.45
Warrants not presented	17426.82
Drs	3155.63

[238] Whereupon his Honor the Mayor was requested to issue his Warrants to pay the following accounts

Laurence & Van Wart Watch	592.90
Farrington & White "	592.90
Goodheart & Hays "	494.90
Angevine & Hedden "	335.65
David Townley expences bringing Prisoner fr: Poughkeepsie	43.75

Daniel Nash 3 Sundays 4th Ward	4.50
Edward Meeks blacksmiths work for public use to 31 Decr	129.43
John Mackay painting & glazing for do to 7th inst	457.10
Bailey & Graham Acct Orchard Street	100.
Jacob P. Roome Sup. Repairs to pay Workmen	300.
Drs	3051.13

[239] In Common Council Jany 27th 1812

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr Recorder President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junr
Charles Dickinson		Peter Hawes
Richard Cunningham		Augustine H. Lawrence
John Morss		Elisha W. King
George Buckmaster		Josiah Hedden
Peter H Wendover		Michael M. Titus
John Pell		William J. Waldron
		Wm A. Hardenbrook
		John Drake

Assistants

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

A Petition of George Youle praying payment of his Account for Castings &c furnished for the New City Hall was read & referred to the Building Committee & Comptroller.

An Account of the 2d Regt of Artillery of this City for expences incurred at the Parade ordered by the Corporation on the visit of the Chiefs of the Tribe of Osage Indians was read & referred to the Comptroller with directions to examine it & if correct to report a Warrant for payment thereof.

[240] Petitions of Alexander Fink & Margaret Lovell for the Stand in Fly Market lately occupied by John Lovell decd was read & referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Archibald Smyth praying payment of the balance due him for repaving Pearl (late Magazine) Street, was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A Recommendation of William Chambers for the appointment of an Inspector of Streets was read & referred to the Committee on Applications

A Petition of Fire Engine Company No 4 for an addition of 100 feet of hose, was read & referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies.

Fire Engine Company N° 4.

Peter Neville Stationer N° 1 Maiden Lane 3d W.
v. John Colville promd to Engineer
Aaron Nicholl Hatter 15 Fly Market 2 W.
v John Jacques Grocer N° 55 Liberty Street resd
Stephen Frost Cordwainer 29 Maid Lane 3 W.
v Isaac E. Concklin Nassau St resd

N° 19.

Israel Carpenter Grocer Bowy & Bayd St 6 W.
v. John Riker N° 16 First St resd
Thomas Truslow He Carpenter Delancey S 10th W.
v. Charles Nash 20 do do
Timothy Jones do 51 Bayard St 6 W.
v. Edmund Fisher 64 Pump St do

[241] The City Inspector Reported Drafts of Ordinances for the correction of certain Nuisances from N° 310 to N° 312 which were passed

The Committee on the Fire Department on the Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 13 Reported That in their opinion it is proper to grant to the Petitioners an addition of one hundred feet of Leader & that the Committee be authorized to procure the same—Which was agreed to

The same Committee on the Petition of Fire Engine Compy N° 12 Reported That in their opinion it is proper to grant to the Petitioners an addition of Two lengths of Leader of Fifty feet each length & that the Committee be authorized to procure the same Which they Respectfully Submit

Peter Hawes
Wm A. Hardenbrook

Which was agreed to

A Petition of Ralph Duncan to be appointed a Guager was read and granted

The City Inspector to whom was referred the Communication of J. D. Dutoit Reported that in his opinion the Petitioner have leave to withdraw the same, which was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment on [242] Widening Maiden lane with the objections thereto, of Abrm Benninger Catharine Harvey, John Wooffendale Daniel Mack & Henry Allen which were read & directed to be referred back to the Street Commissioner & the Assessors with directions to give notice of the refer-

ence to the Remonstrants And it was Resolved that it be hereafter considered as a Rule on all cases of reference back to the Assessors upon objections to Assessments, that notice be given to the Objectors of the time of the Assessors meeting, in order that they may have an opportunity of explaining their objections to such Assessm^{ts}

The Street Commissioner presented the Second Assessment for opening Chamber Street, which was referred to the Street Commissioner & the Assessors with directions to give notice to the objectors of their time of meeting to hear their objections

The Chief Engineer & Comptroller on the subject of the Manhattan Water Reported that they had made progress in their enquiry & would report further on the subject.

The Comptroller on the Petition of the Collector of the 6th Ward respecting the Taxes of M^{r} Lynch & M^{r} P. J. Munro presented a Report, which was read & directed to be referred to the Council of the Board.

[243] The Committee on the Petition of Philip J. Arcularius & others on the subject of the Assessment for the expences of regulating & paving the upper end of Pearl Street—Reported "that after fully considering the case of the Petitioners they are of opinion that the prayer of the Petition ought not to be granted

S. Jones Jun^{r}
Jan^{y} 27. 1812 Peter Hawes
Sam^{l} Stilwell
S^{t} Comss^{r}

Which was agreed to.

The Committee to whom the communications from the Fire Wardens was referred Reported

"That notwithstanding great facility in conveying water for the extinguishment of fires has been experienced by the application of Leaders from one engine to another, yet your Committee are of opinion cases may occur still in the interior of the City, where by a speedy collection of Buckets the fire might be extinguished ere the line by Engines & leaders could be formed, & consequently that it would be imprudent to discontinue that part of the Ordinance directing the Wardens to inspect & report concerning them: But that perhaps it would be adviseable with a view to relieve the Citizens of this burthen as far as practicable to permit the number of Buckets as directed now by the Ordinances to be kept in each house to be reduced not more than one third

[244] Your Committee however are happy in being able to meet

the views of the Fire Wardens in the other subject recommended in their communication. And while we admit the correctness of the principle which tends to render our City incombustible, we think that in carrying it into execution considerable attention ought to be paid to those whose finances are inadequate to build large or extravagant houses—In extending the limits in which fire-proof houses only are permitted to be erected we ought to progress gradually & such parts of the town as will least affect the poorer class, ought in the first instance only to be included, Your Committee therefore recommend that an application be made to the Legislature so to amend their act entitled an Act for the more effectual prevention of fires & to regulate buildings in the City of New York passed the 27th March 1801. as to substitute for the limits therein described the following Viz. Within that part of the City of New York to the Northward of the point of the Battery & included between the said point of the Battery and a line beginning upon the East River opposite to Montgomery Street from thence up Montgomery Street to Cherry Street thence down Cherry Street to Roosevelt Street, thence up Roosevelt Street to Chatham Street, thence down Chatham Street to Chambers Street, thence down Chambers Street to the North River including both sides of the said Streets thro' which the above described line runs.

All which is humbly submitted

Jany 27th 1812

Peter Mesier
P. H. Wendover

[245] Which was agreed to, and the part respecting the amendment of the Act for the Prevention of Fires &ca was directed to be referred to the Council of the Board to prepare the Draft of a Memorial to the Legislature on the subject & a Bill to be enacted into a Law corresponding therewith, And it was further Resolved that the Resolution of the Board of the 17th instt directing the Fire Wardens to suspend all prosecutions for non observance of the ordinance respecting the number of Fire Buckets to be furnished for each dwelling house, be rescinded.

Mr Lawrence made the following resolution

"Resolved that Isaac A Van Hook Esqr late Attorney of this Board, deliver over to David S. Jones Esqr his Successor in office All Deeds, Leases, Bonds & Accounts & all other papers in his possession belonging to this Corporation, except such Deeds Leases Bonds Accounts & other papers as may be necessary in any action at Law, commenced & now depending"

Which was agreed to

Aldn Wendover presented the following Resolution "Resolved that a Committee be appointed to consider and Report if any & what means may be devised to carry into effect the provisions of the "Act to suppress immorality" & the Ordinance of this Board for the due observance of the Lords day, and also to suppress the pernicious practices of Gaming & Drunkeness"

[246] Which was referred to Aldermn Wendover Cunningham Mr Hedden & The Council of the Board.

The Committee on Streets presented the following Report, That they are of opinion it is expedient to appoint Six Inspectors of Streets, three for the Eastern & three for the Western District, and as their Services are very little needed in the Winter Season, they ought not to receive pay but for such time as they shall be actually employed by the directions of the Superintendant of Streets of their respective District—Jany 27. 1812.

E W King
G. Buckmaster
R, Cunningham

Which was agreed to The appointment of Street Inspectors was postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

The Report of the Committee on the Account of Stephen Hitchcock one of the Superintendants of Streets, was called up & after some consideration thereof was referred together with several Documents presented by Mr Hitchcock, to the folls

Aldn Mesier 1 Ward	Mr Wilson 5th	Mr Hardenbrook 9th
Mr Hawes 2d	Mr Hedden 6th	Aldn Pell 10th Ward
Mr Lawrence 3d	Mr Titus 7th	
Mr King 4th	Aldn Wendover 8th	

[247] The Comptroller reported Cash in Treasury..... 16'712.24
Warrants not presented..... 11'473.16

$5239. 8

Acctn Audited.

P. Mesier Esqr attdg General Sessions Novr term.....			48.
R. Cunningham Esr	"	Do	48.
Wm Hoghland Esr	"	December	4.
J. Morss Esr	"	Do	44.
I. S. Douglass Esqr		Do	44.
W. Torrey Esqr		July & Do	20.
G. Buckmaster Esr		January	48.
P. H. Wendover Esqr		Do	48.

P. Hawes Esqr acting as Council & Atty ordd 20th inst	125.
Z. Lewis 6 Mos. Sub. Com: Advertiser 1st inst	37.50
Jos. Watkins timber for Public use	184.87
Jas Richardson Repairing Wells 10th Ward	50.25
Lemuel Skidmore balce on award of July to open Washton St	135.
Abraham Stagg Acct Second Street	100.
Thos & Geo: Lovett a/c Broome St	100.
Enoch Hoyt regs Elm St between Grand & Broome	75.
John P. Ritter & others Assessing Hester & Thompson St	60.
Uzal W. Freeman Surveying & Asst List Stanton St	41.50
Richard Furman Treasr New Alms House	1000.
Richard Furman Superintdt Alms House	1000.
John H. Sickels Treasr New City Hall	2000.
Dolls	5213.12
Balce	25.96

[248] In Common Council February 3d 1812

Present Pierre C Van Wyck Esquire Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junior	Assistants
Charles Dickinson		Peter Hawes	
Richard Cunningham		Augustine H. Lawrence	
John Morss		George Wilson	
George Buckmaster		Josiah Hedden	
Peter H. Wendover		William J. Waldron	
Nicholas Fish		William A. Hardenbrook	
John Pell		John Drake.	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

Petitions of Isaac Myers & of J. R. Leacraft for appointments of Street Inspectors were read & laid on the table

Petitions of John Giles & Lewis Plet for remission of penalties incurred under the Dog Law were read & referred to the Attorney of the Board; the former with authority to remit the part of the penalty belonging to the Corporation if the facts as stated prove correct, & the latter for a Statement of facts.

[249] A Petition of Reed & Haddock for payment of $100 on a/c of Contract for Road from the post-road thro' Harsinville to the North River was read & the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant for the same

A Petition of John Bolen for permission to transfer a lease of lot No 5 Pearl (late Magazine) Street to Thomas Egerton was read & referred to the Comptroller

Petitions of J. B. Maron & J. G. Tornatis for relief were read & referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

A Deed of Cession, for Hubert Street to the Corporation from Leonard Lispenard, A. L. Stewart, Charles Loss & Samuel Jones Junr was presented & referred to the Street Commissr & the Council of the Board

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company No 17.

Jacob Scofield Shoemaker 117 Cherry Strt 4th W.
v. David Raynor 34 Chapple St resd

Abraham Riker Carpenter Jefferson & Harman 7th W.
v Francis Baptis—gone to sea

No 20.

Robert Stewart Baker 30 Pine Strt 2d Ward
v. Richardson Ryan, resd removed fr. City

No 24.

James S. Taylor, Cabinet Maker 151 Chamber Stt 5th W.
v. Richard Kip No 154 Bd Way resd

[250] No 27.

John S. Dusenberry Marshal Chapple Street 5th W.
v. Tunis Van Pelt Fire Warden

A Petition of John Hutton for Stall in Catharine Market lately occupied by John Lovell dec'd was read & referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Fire Engine Compy No 31. for an addition of four men was read & referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

The City Inspector reported Drafts of Ordinances from No 315 to which were read & passed.

A Letter from Benjamin Smith the present Lessee of the Brooklyn Ferry House [was read] proposing to rent it again for the next year upon the same terms that he now holds it, which was refer'd to the Ferry Committee with authority to rent the same to him if they judged proper

A Report was rec'd from the Assessors to whom had been referred back the Assessment for widening Maiden Lane, Whereupon Resolved that the Assessment for widening Maiden Lane be not confirmed Resolved further that George Ireland, Solomon Wheeler,

Leonard Fisher Lewis Hartman & Nehemiah Allen be appointed Assessors under the Ordinance passed on day of for widening Maiden lane.

[251] The Street Commissioner on the representation of John Mc-Kesson as agent for George Clinton Esqr Reported that from a conversation held between them on the subject he believed an amicable adjustment may be made of the business & it was referred back to the Street Commissioner for that purpose.

The Street Commissioner presented Returns of Delinquents upon the Assessment for repaving Pearl Street between Chatham & Elm Street Whereupon a warrant was ordered to issue to the Collector for collection of the same.

The Street Commissioner & Assessors to whom had been referred the objections made to the assessment for opening Chamber St^{t} Reported "That they have reconsidered the assessment & heard the objections against the same explained by the parties objecting & their council & that they still find no reason to alter the Assessment in any respect New York Jan^{y} 29th 1812"

Nehemiah Allen
Leonard Fisher
J. Nitchie
Stephen Burdett
} Assessors
Sam^{l} Stilwell S^{t} Comss^{r}

Whereupon Resolved that said Assessment be confirmed & that Morris De Camp be appointed Collector.

[252] The Committee on the Petition of John Stevens for an increase of Ferriage on his Steam ferry boat at Hoboken, presented a Report the consideration of which was postponed

The Council of the Board to whom had been referred the communications of the Fire Wardens, Reported "that he has prepared the Draft of a Memorial to the Legislature on the subject of extending the limits within which buildings are required to be constructed of Stone & Brick in the City of New York And also the Draft of a Bill corresponding therewith Which are respectfully submitted"

Signed D. S. Jones

The Board took up the consideration of the Bill reported by the Council, when Ald^{n} Mesier moved that in the first section after the words "thence down Chatham Street to" be added "to Broadway "thence up Broadway on both sides of the said Street and all lots

"fronting on the said Street to Canal Street, thence commencing "again at Chamber Street and running to"

A Division having been called by Mr Hardenbrook it was carried in the Affirmative as follows

Affirmative Aldn Mesier, Dickinson, Cunningham Morss Buckmaster, Wendover Fish Messs Jones Hawes Lawrence King Wilson, Hedden Waldron Drake 15.

Negative Aldn Pell Mr Hardenbrook 2.

The Bill & Memorial were then agreed to and the Clerk of the Common Council was directed to cause the same to be engrossed

[253] The Committee to whom was referred the compensation to be allowed to the Officers attending the Police Office

Reported "that they have examined the accounts and are satisfied they are correct as to the time of service and monies expended by them on public duty, With respect to the amount of compensation to be given them considering the difficulty & personal danger frequently attending the discharge of that duty as well as the importance of it to the Public your Committee respectfully recommend that the several constables & Marshals assigned to attend the Police Office be allowed the sum of two dollars for every twelve hours they shall be employed in that duty on special occasions and by directions of *of* any one of the Special Justices in the day time and the additional sum of One dollar for every twelve hours they shall be so employed in the night time, and in that proportion for any longer or shorter time, And that the accounts hereafter be presented in the name of the High Constable & certified by the Special Justices—All which is submitted"

E. W. King
A. H. Lawrence
Wm J. Waldron

Febr 3d 1812

Which was agreed to

Alderman Mesier from the Market Committee presented the following report

"The Market Committee beg leave to recommend that the [254] *the* Stall No 45 in the Fly Market be granted to Henry Marsh as Daniel Ensly the present occupant has consented to relinquish the same.

Also that Stall No 22 in the Catharine market occupied by Mr John Lovell deceased be granted to John K. Floor.

And further your Committee being convinced of the indispensable necessity to preserve cleanliness and order in the public markets &

having with disapprobation & displeasure viewed for a considerable time the negligent conduct of Mr Heyer the present Sweeper of the Fly Market do therefore recommend his removal & the appointing in his place Isaac Asten who they are persuaded will be more attentive.

Which is respectfully submitted

Peter Mesier
John Pell
Jos. Hedden
A. H. Lawrence

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Alderman Mesier the following amendment was made to the Law regulating the Public Markets, in Section 12. after the words "purpose from" erase "Clerk of the Market or his Deputy" and insert "Market Committee and having the same regis- "tered with the Deputy Clerk of the Market."

[255] Resolved that in future the Sweepers of the Public Markets be appointed by the Market Committee, and at their discretion removed.

Resolved that the following be a Committee to negociate with Mr Verplanck as to the extinguishment of a right of way which he has to ground at the Easterly side of the lot at the Old City Hall— The Come Mr Lawrence Mr Hawes The Street Commissioner The Comptroller

Adjourned, after requesting his Honor the Recorder to issue his Warrants to pay the following accounts, to meet at the Alms House for the purpose [of] making the Quarterly visitation of said Establishment & the Bridewell.

The Comptroller reported Cash in Treasury	17690.96
Warrants not presented	11'370.60
	6320.36

Accounts Audited

Laurence & Van Wart Watch	596.75
Farrington & White do	596.75
Goodheart & Hayes do	498.75
Angevine & Hedden do	339.50
[256] James Hardie Asst City Inspector	62.50
Andrew Otterson Do	54.
Mott Hicks Asst Street Commssr	54.
Adrian B. Holmes Do	54.
Wm P. Roome Keeper Pottersfield	46.50
Amos Rooke Keeper Signal Poles	85.50

Stanbery & Secor, Engine House N° 38, Bloomingdale	120.
Geo: Collins Iron for Pumps 4 & 6th Wards	55. 1
Henry Brush repg Pumps 7 & 10th do	48.50
Aaron Levy, Pay Master 2d Regt Artily Tents & Music 1804	55.
Thos & Geo: Lovett % Broome Stt	400.
Benj, Hills & Thos Clark regls Washington Stt	169.
Geo: Gosman & McComb paving Do	60.
L. Skidmore & A. Corning on Award for openg Washn St	1500.
John H Sickels Treasr New City Hall	1500.
	$6295.76

*[257] In Common Council Feby 10th 1812

Present. Pierre C. Van Wyck Esquire Recorder President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junr
Charles Dickinson		Peter Hawes
Richard Cunningham		Auguste H. Lawrence
John Morss		Elisha W. King
George Buckmaster		George Wilson
Peter H. Wendover		Josiah Hedden
Nicholas Fish		Michael M. Titus
John Pell		William J. Waldron
		Willam A. Hardenbrook
		John Drake.

Assistants

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

This being the period of the Quarterly visitation of the Alms House and Bridewell, the Common Council performed that duty, after which the following business was transacted.

A further Petition from Margaret Lovell praying the Common Council to reconsider their vote of the last meeting on the subject of the Stall N° 22 Catharine Market lately held [258] by John Lovell dec'd and to grant the same to Robert Lovell brother of the deceased to whom she relinquished all right which by usage or otherwise she held—And also a Petition from Robert Lovell praying the grant of the same, it having been the dying request of his brother to his friends to endeavor to procure the said Stall for him, also recommendations from sundry Citizens in favor of said Robert Lovell were severally read & referred to Mr King Aldn Pell Mr Waldron

Petitions were received from James Sullivan and from several Butchers requesting Stands in the Markets to sell Meat by the Quarter.

* Page not numbered in the manuscript.—Ed.

A Petition was also rec'd from Philip Ferris & Benjamin Davis the occupants of Stalls N° 36 & 38 Fly Market praying permission to interchange, which being read were referred to the Market Committee

A Petition from Fire Engine Company N° 5 praying an enlargement of their Engine House, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Letter from John R Murray & William Ogden Executors of John Murray dec^{d} was read stating that the Testator in 1803 leased from the Corporation, a Lot of ground adjoining [259] his then residence on Harlem Road, that immediately after granting the lease an Action of Ejectment was commenced against him by the Heirs of M^{r} Kip for said Premises, that hitherto no rent has been demanded, but that lately a demand has been made with a threat of prosecution if not immediately paid they therefore request the interference of the Board

Ordered that all proceedings be staid until the further order of the Board, and Resolved that the same direction be given to the Attorney in the case of M^{r} John Thompson.

Petitions were received from Samuel C. Wessels & Richard Hubbell for the Office of Measurers of Grain which were granted

A Petition for Two Watchmen to be stationed in 10th Ward between Stanton & Broome Streets & Suffolk & Pitt Streets was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

Letters from Lewis Wilcocks Owner of the Brig Juliana Capt. Perry and of Philemon D. Rea Commander of the Brig Nanind praying remission of Penalties incurred for not reporting the Passengers agreably to the Act for the settlement & relief of the poor were read, The Report of the Attorney of the Board on those cases was read in the following Words.

"Capt Rea arrived at this port from the Havana on the 18th ult. with seven Passengers; he states that he was unacquainted with the Law requiring him to Report his Passengers at the Mayors [260] Office and give Bond for them—Capt Perry arrived here on the 30th ultimo from Puerto Rico with two Passengers, he called on me on the 4th inst (after suit was commenced) and stated that he had been frozen & in consequence confined to his vessel until the day previous & that that was the cause of his not reporting his Passengers

Both these Gentlemen are now willing to make report and give the requisite Bonds for their Passengers, But as the Penalties are very heavy ones and the power of compounding for them is by the said Act

vested in the Common Council who have not delegated that power to their Attorney, I have thought it necessary to submit these cases to the board to the end that they may take such order thereupon as they may think proper

D. S. Jones.

Whereupon Resolved that the Penalties be remitted on the parties giving Bonds agreably to Law for the Passengers in said vessels & upon payment of Costs

A Petition of John Lang for permission to pile Bricks in the Old Slip was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 1st Ward with authority to Grant the prayer of the Petition if in their opinion proper

The City Inspector reported Drafts of Ordinances for the correction of Sundry Nuisances from N° 320 to N° 330 inclusive which were passed.

[261] A Petition of Peter Ogilvie & others for Lamps, one in Broome Street, four in Columbia Street, one between Broome & Delancey Street, one between Delancey & Rivington Street, one at the intersection of Rivington Street, and one between Rivington and Stanton Street; which was ordered to be referred to the Lamp Committee

A Petition of Robert Castle complaining of certain sunken lots adjoining his house in Elizabeth Street, was read & referred to the City Inspector

A Petition of Abraham Lott & Robt R. Troup was read, stating that they are owners of Lots N° 74 & 76 Water Street & 14 Old Slip on which they intend to erect buildings & praying permission so to build them as that they may form a straight line with the Street—Ordered that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner & Alderman & Assistant of the 1st Ward.

The City Inspector reported that he had rec'd from the Chief Engineer a Return of the Fire Engines & Hook & Ladder Companies, their apparatus, places of deposit, condition, &c together with the names of the Engineers & Foremen, Whereupon Resolved that one hundred copies of the same be printed

The Clerk of the Common Council presented an Engrossed copy of the Memorial and Bill, on the subject of the [262] extension of the Fire limits, which Memorial was in the Words following

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York in Senate & Assembly convened

The Memorial of the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened.

Respectfully Sheweth

That from the very considerable increase of the City of New York since the passing of the Act for the more effectual prevention of Fires and to regulate buildings in the said City it has become highly expedient in the opinion of your Memorialists, that the limits within which Dwelling Houses, Store Houses, and other buildings are required to be constructed with Stone or Brick, should be extended

Your Memorialists are desirous that the said Act should be amended so as to prohibit the erection of any wooden buildings (except such as are mentioned in the 7th Section of the said act) within that part of the City of New York lying to the northward of the point of the Battery and included between the said point of the Battery and a line beginning upon the East River opposite Montgomery Street thence through Montgomery Street to Cherry Street, thence down Cherry Street to Roosevelt Street thence thro' Roosevelt Street to Chatham Street, thence down Chatham Street to Chambers Street & thence thro' Chambers Street to Broadway, thence up Broadway to Canal Street [263] thence commencing again at Chambers Street & running to Hudsons River including also the Lots of Ground on the Northerly & Easterly sides of the said Streets through which the abovementioned line runs & including also the lots of ground fronting on both sides of the Broadway between Chamber Street & Canal Street.

Your Memorialists have accordingly caused the Draft of a Bill intended as such an amendment to the abovementioned act to be prepared, Which is herewith respectfully submitted to the Legislature, and which your Memorialists pray may be enacted by the Legislature at their present Session

And your Memorialists will ever pray &c[a]

Whereupon the Clerk was directed to cause the Common Seal to be affixed to said Memorial & to forward the same together with the draft of the Bill to his Honor the Mayor now at Albany, to be presented to the Honorable the Legislature of this State now in Session

The Comptroller presented the following report on the subject of the account of the Police Officers

"The Comptroller respectfully submits to the Board the enclosed Account of the Police Officers for their extraordinary services in the

detection and apprehension of offenders from 21st May to the 7th Decr 1811 with his reasons for not auditing the same

1st There is a charge of $38.48½ for "monies necessarily [264] expended by them in apprehending criminals &cª in addition to the compensation allowed by a Resolution of the Board on the 3d inst. This extra allowance not being provided for in the said Resolution, by which their pay is fixed at Two Dollars for every twelve Hours they shall be employed on special occasions & by the direction of any one of the Special Justices in the day time & the additional sum of one dollar for every twelve hours they shall be so employed in the night time, and in that proportion for any longer or shorter time" the subscriber does not consider himself justifiable in admitting this charge

2d By the Act to improve the Police of the City of New York and for other purposes passed April 9th 1811 it is made the duty of the Special Justices to pay the proceeds of the Sales of property unclaimed & sold at Auction into the Treasury first deducting the charges of notice & sale.

By the 10th Section of the abovementioned Act "the fund so deposited in the City Treasury shall be applied to compensate the said Police Officers for extraordinary services, & to promote the detection & apprehension of Offenders, the accounts for which shall be certified by the said Justices & on being approved of by the Mayor shall be paid out of the said fund, on a Warrant being directed by the Common Council for that purpose"

It appears by this Law that the Account of the Police Officers when certified by the Justices must be approved of by the Mayor, therefore it would seem that he alone is to determine the compensation to be allowed. This inference appears confirmed by the 12th Section [265] which enacts "that it shall and may be lawful for the Special Justices with the approbation of the Mayor to employ an Assistant Clerk, who shall be compensated out of the said fund or in such other way as the Common Council shall direct" Here are two modes of compensation pointed out for the Assistant either from the fund above noted, or in such other way as the Common Council shall direct. They accordingly did on the 19th August last, by an Ordinance fix the salary of the Assistant Clerk to be paid Quarterly out of the Treasury.

But no provision is made in the Act of the Legislature for the pay of the Police Officers other than beforementioned, namely, out of the said fund and by the approbation of the Mayor.

3d If the fund aforesaid is specifically appropriated to pay the

Police Officers, and no provision is made by Law to compensate them from any other source, it then appears that there is not money sufficient in the Treasury to pay this account, admitting that it should be approved of by the Mayor

On the 20th December last there was paid by the Special Justices to the Treasurer the sum of $276.38. This is the only payment on account of the Police Fund; & which is not sufficient to meet the demand provided the extra charge aforementioned of Drs 38.48½ should be allowed.

From the above observations the Board will judge of the correctness of the views which the Subscriber has taken on this subject and also of the mode to be pursued to effect a regular settlement of the account

Febv 10. 1812 G. N. Bleecker Comptr

[266] Whereupon after some consideration of the same it was Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant for payment of the same at the next meeting of the Board.

The Comptroller on the Petition of John Bolen for permission to transfer his Lease of a Lot of Ground No 5 on Pearl (late Magazine) Street to Thomas Egenton Reported that permission might be given as requested on payment of the rent due the 1st inst. & that a new lease be taken out by Mr Egenton This last condition is recommended as a general rule, in consequence of the opinion of the Council of the Board, that to preserve the right of the Corporation as to their assent of the transfer of Leases, it is necessary to have them in the name of the persons holding the property.

G. N. Bleecker Comptr

which report was approved

The Comptroller, on the accounts of the Superintendant of Repairs, Reported, that he has examined the account of Jacob P. Roome Superintendant of Repairs—On the 12th August last there was a balance of $1.94 due the Superintendant, He has received from that time to the 16th Janv last $4035.75 and has expended on the public account, agreably to vouchers produced $4005.89 leaving a balance due the Corporation of $27.92 on the 16th ulto

G. N. Bleecker Comptr

Which was ordered to be filed.

[267] " The Council of the Board to whom was referred the Petition of Louis Plet praying that certain penalties incurred by him

under the Law concerning Dogs may be remitted upon his paying the costs of Suit commenced against him Reported

That it appears from a statement of Mr Burritt the Assistant Justice of the fifth Ward, that on the 25th day of July last a suit was instituted against the Petitioner to recover the penalty incurred by him for neglecting to register three dogs owned by him, that the petitioner appeared & Judgment passed against him for $17 34/100. On the 26th of July the Petitioner paid the sum of Nine dollars and took a receipt in full for the tax and registry of his Dogs, but the judgment was unsatisfied & still remains in force

I have received such information as satisfies me that the Petitioner is a foreigner & very imperfectly acquainted with our language And I have little doubt but that he supposed he had fully complied with the Law upon registering the Dogs & paying the Tax on the 26th July. Under these circumstances I respectfully submit to the Common Council the propriety of releasing this judgement upon the Petitioners paying the Costs of Suit & the 20 P Ct upon the amount of the penalty recovered, which would belong to the Registier upon the collection

D. S. Jones

Which was agreed to. Council

[268] The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Harlem for a road from Bloomingdale to the Old Kingsbridge road Reported

That they have maturely considered the Petition and are of opinion that relief ought to be granted, & therefore recommend that 126th Street be opened from the old Kingsbridge road to the Bloomingdale road, or so much thereof as will open a communication between them, and that the Attorney & Council of the Board be directed to take legal measures for the accomplishment of the same without delay

Which is respectfully submitted

Nicholas Fish
Peter Mesier
Wm A. Hardenbrook
John Pell
Augs H. Lawrence
Saml Stilwell St Comssr
G N. Bleecker Comptr

Which was confirmed

The Committee on the Fire Department upon the Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 31 for an addition of four men to their Company Reported that in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted,

Which Report was confirmed.

[269] The Building Committee presented a Report on the subject of the New City Hall, the consideration of which was postponed until the next regular meeting of the Board.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Thomas B. Clarke was called up and after some time spent thereon the further consideration was postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

The Market Committee presented the following Report. "The "Market Committee having been informed that the Common Council "had, some years since, the subject of erecting a New Market on the "West side of the City, under their consideration, and that consid- "erable attention was then bestowed on the subject, and considering "that a revival & putting into operation measures calculated to effect "so important and necessary an improvement would, perhaps be con- "sidered as appertaining more immediately to their class of duties than "to any other of the Standing Committees, have, notwithstanding no "particular reference has been made to them, presumed to request the "attention of the Board again to this subject.

"In examining the Minutes of the Board, they find that so early "as the 1st of July 1805 the following Report was received

"The Market Committee Report

"1st [270] That the ground on which Hudson Market stands is too valuable to be appropriated for a market, and is situated in a Street too important for that purpose.

"2d That the said Market is in a state of decay, will be useless in "two or three years, it being built upon a construction that is in- "convenient to the public & not so productive as a new one upon an "improved plan will undoubtedly be.

"3d The Corporation Slip is at present a nuisance it being too shal- "low, that a considerable part of the bottom lays bare at low water, "which renders it dangerous to the health of the Citizens in that part "of the City, that the Dock around it is rotten & part of it has already "given way

"The Committee are therefore of opinion that it will be for the "public advantage to run a new bulkhead across the Slip in the man- "ner laid down in a Map now presented drawn by Mr Mangin, and

" to proceed to fill up the same and to erect a substantial and commo-
" dious Market house on the ground to be filled up to be built of
" brick &c[a]

George Janeway, James Drake, James Fairlie } Market Committee

Ordered that the same be confirmed.

" And on the week following to wit on the 8[th] July 1805 they
" find the following entry

" The Market Committee having made a report with a Map there-
" unto annexed, that it was expedient to erect [271] a Market on the
" Corporation Basin and the board having agreed to the said report

" Resolved, that the Superintendant of repairs, under the direction
" of the Committee of repairs proceed to build a bulkhead across the
" said basin, and fill up the same in the manner laid down in said Map,
" or in any other way that shall appear proper to the said Committee"

" And on the 21[st] April 1806 the following is recorded

" A part of the Corporation Basin at the North River, having been
" filled up by order of this Board, for the purpose of having a Market
" erected thereon, agreable to a resolution of the Common Council.

" Resolved that a committee be appointed to prepare a plan of a
" substantial and commodious market to be built on the said site and
" to report the same to the Common Council without delay The Re-
" corder Ald[n] Fairlie M[r] Board were appointed the said committee "

" By the above extracts it appears that the Board had then not
" only concluded to erect a Market on the ground contemplated, but
" had definitively arranged the business & even appointed a Committee
" to propose & report a plan.

" Until your present Committee had ascertained from Major Fair-
" lie, who had a principal agency in the business, the reasons why the
" measure was suspended, they were hesitating how to [272] proceed.
" From him they learnt that the lots belonging to the Corporation on
" the West side of the new market together with the ground in front
" up the line of Greenwich Street were then considered as appropri-
" ated to the object; but that in consequence of the Leases on said
" lots having a long time to run the necessary funds could not so con-
" veniently be then raised therefrom as might be when said leases were
" about expiring

" Your Committee however find that this difficulty is now obviated
" and that the period is now arrived, when this dormant subject ought
" to be revived & the ideas of our predecessors carried into operation.

"Removing the Hudson market from the line of so important a "Street as is Greenwich Street, and substituting a range of elegant "dwelling houses, is a measure so obviously proper & necessary as "supercedes even the attempt to explain what the least reflection will "demonstrate. And if they attempt to carry the same into effect and "are desirous to be in readiness to meet the expiration of those leases "in a manner most advantageous and most accommodating to the "public they cannot move too early in the business

"The Leases on those lots will expire on the first day of May "1813 and if it be intended to sell them together with the ground in "front, up to the line of Greenwich Street for the purpose of erecting "a new market house as was formerly contemplated it will be neces- "sary to have the same finished in season so that the butchers who "occupy Stalls in the present market [273] may transfer themselves "without any interruption to that neighborhood.

"This Committee therefore takes the liberty to recommend, that "the former proceedings of the Board in relation to this subject, be "now carried into execution and that the propriety of appropriating "the ground, above referred to, for building said Market, as also the "producing a plan on which the same shall be constructed, be referred "to some proper Committee,

"Which is respectfully submitted

Peter Mesier
A. H. Lawrence
Feby 10th 1812 Josh Hedden
John Pell
Michael M Titus"

Which was approved and it was referred to the same Committee to report a plan for the disposal of the lots & for the erection of the Market

Mr King stated to the Board that he was requested by Mr Archibald Kerly to signify his wish to resign the office of Fire Warden of the 4th Ward,

Whereupon Resolved that his resignation be accepted.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed whose duty it shall be from time to time to visit the City Prison or [274] Bridewell and who shall have authority to make such regulations relative to cleanliness and for the preservation of the Health of the persons confined therein, as they shall deem expedient, they reporting as often as they shall [deem] necessary their proceedings to the Board

The Committee appointed were Alderm[n] Mesier Cunningham Morss M[r] Wilson M[r] Waldron

Resolved, that a Special Meeting of the Common Council be held on friday next at 4 OClock P. M. at the New City Hall.

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	19870.43
Warrants not presented	12174.
Balance	7696.43

Whereupon Resolved that his Honor the Recorder be requested to issue his Warrants to pay the following accounts

[275] Accounts Audited

R. Graves Assist[t] Street Comss[r] 1 Mo Salary 1[st] inst	67.50
J. Allen & N. Eisenhart 13 Sundays 7[th] Ward	57.
W[m] Peters 12 do 4 do	18.
Bullus Decatur & C[o] 12 Casks Powder for military 25[th] Nov[r]	192.
Peter Woolley repairing leader of Engine N[o] 19	19.50
Jacob Lorillard soal leather for Fire Department	33.19
Reed & Paddock % road thro' Harsinville to North River	100.
Charles Dickinson (7[th] Ward) Int[t] on Bond 6 Mos to 7[th] inst	350.
Ephraim Ginnings Sup[t] Lamps 1 Mo 11[th] inst	376. 8
L. Skidmore & A. Corning bal[ce] on award for opens Washgt[n] St	2099.56
A. Smyth on % repaving Pearl Street	200.
D[o] Earth to Peck Slip Front St Duane Market &c[a]	106.62
Sam[l] Delamater & other Assessors on Washington St[t]	15.
Jacob P. Roome to pay Workmen	200.
Richard Furman Sup[t] Alms House	2000.
John H. Sickels Treasurer New City Hall	1800.
Dr[s]	7634.45

[276] In Common Council February 14. 1812

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck Esquire Recorder President

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	Samuel Jones Jun[r]
Richard Cunningham	Peter Hawes
John Morss	Augustine H. Lawrence
George Buckmaster	George Wilson
Peter H. Wendover	Josiah Hedden
Nicholas Fish	William J. Waldron
	William A. Hardenbrook
	John Drake.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A Letter from Richard Varick Esq[r] to the Recorder on the subject of his grounds at Dey Street proposing to end all disputes on the

subject by selling to the Corporation all his right & claim west of the middle of Washington Street for the sum of Forty five Thousand Dollars Whereupon Ordered that the same be referred to the following Committee with authority to contract with Mr Varick for the purchase of the same provided it does not exceed the sum of

The Committee were Mr Laurence Aldn Wendover Mr Hawes.

[277] The Committee on the subject of the privilege of a Way claimed by Mr Verplanck on the East side of the lots at the old City Hall reported that they had proposed to Mr Verplanck "That he relinquish to the Corporation the privilege he is entitled to in a passage way of nine feet wide from the rear of his lot to Wall Street on the side of the Corporation property next to his lot and that he in consideration thereof receive the same privilege in a passage of ten feet wide to be laid out from the ground of Mr Verplanck to Nassau Street on the rear of the Corporation property. A. H. Lawrence Chairmn" That the committee have rec'd a communication from Daniel A. Verplanck Esqr informing that the proposal has been laid before his father the owner of the property, who acceeded to the same Whereupon resolved that the Board approve of the proposition of the Committee made to Mr Verplanck & that it be referred to the Committee and the Council of the Board to have the necessary conveyances drawn & executed respecting the same.

The Street Commissioner presented a communication, stating that some doubts existed as to the efficiency of the Laws, as respects the collection of Assessments, by the Sale of Houses and lots and he suggested the propriety of a consideration of that subject, Whereupon Resolved, that it be referred to the Council of the Board to consider of the same and to report the draft of a Memorial to the [278] Legislature, and a corresponding Bill on the subject if he deemed it necessary.

The Committee on the Petition of the Executors of the Estate of David Mann & others respecting Union Place, and of the Proprietors of Hamilton Square Lots presented a Report which after some time spent in the consideration of the same was postponed & made the Order of the day for Monday next.

Mr Jones from the Committee appointed on the 27th Novr last to prepare a Petition and Memorial to the Legislature for an Act explanatory of the Act for laying out Streets and Roads Reported a Memorial in conformity thereto Whereupon Resolved that the Clerk engross the same and report it to the Board at the next meeting.

The Council of the Board presented the following Report on the case of Capt. Baker of the Ship Ocean Viz.

"Captain Baker arrived at this port on the 6th instant with five passengers according to the report from the Custom House, he however reported but two at the Mayors office. Upon being written to by me on the subject, he called at my office and explained that the three passengers not reported were American Seamen, who had been put on board his vessel at Plymouth (England) by the American Consul there & that he had received but a very inconsiderable sum for their passage in consequence of their being put on board in that manner [279] and of their assisting in the navigation of the ship, he added that he had been informed at the time of making his report at the Mayors office that it was unnecessary to insert their names in his report & this last circumstance was confirmed by the declarations of Mr Hall the owner of the vessel & of one of the Commissioners of the Alms. House who were present

Capt Baker is willing to amend his report and insert the names of these persons if it be necessary and he may be permitted

Under these circumstances, as the error has evidently arisen from the mistake of the Captain, and as there is no suspicion that he wished to evade the Law, it is respectfully submitted to the Board whether it would not be expedient to remit the penalty & permit him to swear to & file an amended report

D. S. Jones

Which report was agreed to.

On motion of Mr Hardenbrook Resolved that it be referred to a Committee to consider & report whether it would not be expedient to apply to the Legislature for the enacting of a Law making the sinking of Wells a charge to those benefitted by them & the expences thereof assessed in the manner prescribed for the opening of Streets & other improvements.

The Committee appointed were Mr Hardenbrook Mr Hedden Mr Waldron,

[280] Resolved that the Council of the Board examine & report whether vacant Lots are by Law made responsible for the payment of Taxes imposed on them in cases when the owners are unknown or where known & non residents of the Ward, whether any and what remedy is given for enforcing the payment of the same.

Adjourned.

[281] In Common Council February 17th 1812

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr Recorder, President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junr	Assistants
Richard Cunningham		Peter Hawes	
John Morss		Augustine H Lawrence	
George Buckmaster		Elisha W. King	
Peter H. Wendover		George Wilson	
Nicholas Fish		Josiah Hedden	
John Pell		Wm J. Waldron	
		Wm A. Hardenbrook	
		John Drake	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

The Clerk of the Common Council presented the engrossed copy of the Memorial to the Legislature on the subject of an Amendment to the Law respecting Streets & Roads which having been read it was Ordered that the Common Seal be affixed thereto and the same forwarded to be presented to the Honorable the Legislature

The Memorial was in the Words following

[282] "To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York in Senate and Assembly convened

The Memorial of the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened

Respectfully sheweth

That your Memorialists are desirous that the Act entitled "an Act relative to improvements touching the laying out of Streets and Roads in the City of New York and for other purposes" should be so amended as to alter the proceedings prescribed by the said Law for opening Squares, Places, Streets and Avenues laid out by the Commissioners of Streets and Roads under & by virtue of the Act for that purpose made and provided, as to make it necessary for the Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court of this state, to estimate and report the damage to the Owners of property required for opening the same, and the value of the benefit thereof to the said owners, to take an Oath faithfully to perform the trust and duties required of them And also to make it the duty of such Commissioners to estimate and report the surplus and excess only of such damage over the said benefit to such owner, or of the said benefit over the damage to such owner by the means aforesaid, and further that the principles of the before proposed amendments be extended to the remaining part of ye City

[283] "Your Memorialists have accordingly caused the draft of "a Bill intended as such amendments to the abovementioned Act to be "prepared, Which is herewith respectfully submitted to the Legisla- "ture and which your Memorialists pray may be enacted into a "Law.

"And Your Memorialists as in duty bound" &c

Petitions of John Banks for appointment to an Office of Isaac R. Freeman for appointment of a Sealer of Weights & Measures & of Jesse Frame for appointment of Measurer were severally read and referred to the Committee on Applications with a request that they would report with all convenient speed thereon

A Petition from Sundry Butchers in the Fly Market praying remission of a penalty incurred by them by remaining in market after the hour prescribed, was read and referred to the Market Committee with authority to remit the same if in their opinion proper

The City Inspector reported Drafts of Ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances from N° 331 to N° 336 inclusive which were passed.

A Petition of George Steeple stating that he was the Owner of the Lot at Inclenburgh lately owned by M^r [284] George Warner that under the late regulations of the Streets the road from his land to the Bloomingdale road must pass over ground now owned by the Corporation, He therefore prayed a Road might be opened for him, and he also requested that the lot thro' which the road will pass may be leased to him

Whereupon Resolved that it be referred to the Road Committee the Street Commissioner & the Comptroller.

The Committee on the Petition of Margaret & Robert Lovell reported

"That they have made due enquiry in relation to the existence of a custom set forth in the petition of the said Margaret Lovell and are fully satisfied that such custom has long existed, and which your Committee consider as laudable, and reasonable and hope it may be continued.

Your Committee have also ascertained that M^r Floor to whom the said Stall has been granted still possesses another Stall in the Fly Market and altho' that may not be as good a situation for business as the one in question yet your Committee consider that it will be unreasonable & improper to permit him to hold two Stalls at the same

time and deprive the Widow of the deceased Mr Lovell of the benefit of the one held by her husband, so shortly after his decease & to disappoint the reasonable expectations of his brother Robert Lovell.

Your Committee have also investigated the character and qualification of the said Robert Lovell, and as they can find [285] no objection on either ground they respectfully recommend that the Resolution heretofore passed granting the said Stall to Mr John K. Floore be rescinded and that the same be granted to the said Robert Lovell pursuant to the prayer of the Petition of the said Margaret Lovell (it being understood that he shall make her suitable compensation for the relinquishment of her right under the said Custom)

All which is respectfully submitted

P. W. King
(Sd) John Pell
Wm J. Waldron"

Which was agreed to, and the former resolution was then rescinded It was then Resolved that the said Stall No 22 Catharine Market be granted to Robert Lovell to be held during the pleasure of the Board.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the vacancies

No 6.

Danl Pelton shoemaker Harison & Washington Ste 5th Ward v. Jas. Shotwell resd & moved to N. Orleans

No 23.

John Newhouse Tallow Chandler 81 Reed Street 5th W. v John Johnson 42 Leonard St

Revel Cunningham Carpenter 25 Elm Street 6 W. v. Isaac Stagg resd

Messrs Robert Bogardus, C. Dickenson James W. Lent & Labagh a Committee from a meeting of sundry Citizens on the subject of a Memorial to the Legislature respecting the [286] Assessment for the expences of Canal Street, attended and presented the Memorial &c proposed to be presented to the Legislature. Ordered that the Papers be laid on the table

The Committee on the Petition of A. Lott & R. Troup Reported That they have taken the subject into consideration and after viewing the premises are of opinion that the Street ought not to be

narrowed at the place where the proposed line will narrow the same and that therefore the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

Which is respectfully submitted

Sam[l] Stilwell S[t] Comssn[r]
Peter Mesier
Sam[l] Jones Jun[r]

Which was confirmed.

The Committee appointed to confer and agree with Richard Varick Esq[r] reported Viz

"In consequence of instructions received from the Board on the 14[th] inst. the Committee appointed and authorized to purchase of Richard Varick Esq[r] all his property on the North (or Hudsons) River West of a line drawn thro' the middle of Washington Street adjoining the property of the Corporation—And also to make a final settlement of all matters in dispute between him and the Corporation Provided the same could be effected for a sum not exceeding Forty five Thousand Dollars

[287] Respectfully Report "That the next morning after receiving their instructions they waited on Col[l] Varick That after two friendly and satisfactory conferences on the subject of their mission, Your Committee have the pleasure to say a final arrangement has been made with him, which they hope will meet with the approbation of the Board, for the sum of three thousand less than they were authorized to give

The following are the conditions which they have thought proper to acceed to on the part of the Corporation and accept by Col[l] Varick

1[st]

That he Richard Varick is to sell and convey to the Mayor Aldermer &c &c all his right title and Interest both in Law Equity &c. &c. as per his own proposals hereunto annexed. And also to give a full and complete discharge of all claims and demands whatsoever against the Corporation, for the sum of Forty Two Thousand Dollars payable in ten years from the same date with lawful interest on the same from the first day of May next, The interest to be paid annually, that is to say on the first day of May in each and every year thereafter until the said sums be fully paid The Corporation to receive all the Wharfage due and received & to be received for him by his Agent M[r] Bonsal from the first day of May last.

[288] 2d

Your Committee have also agreed with said Richard Varick Esqr that he shall not be subject as owner or proprietor of the Lot of ground on the east side corner of Dey's Slip & Washington Street, now in the occupation of Mrs Van Alstyne and her under tenants for any assessments or contributions for the filling in laying out, widening opening, regulating & paving any part of the property now sold and intended to be conveyed to the Corporation, or the Streets connected therewith.

It being clearly understood and agreed that the exemption does not extend or mean to extend beyond the time when the first filling in, regulating, paving &c &c of the said Basin & Streets shall be complete and finished agreeable to the plan which shall be adopted by the Board for the regulating the same"

Augus H Lawrence
(sd) Peter Hawes
P. H. Wendover"

Which report was approved and accepted and it was referred to the same Committee & the Council of the Board to settle as to the conveyances which should be made by Mr Varick to the Corporation for the property—It was directed that the Bonds to be issued to Mr Varick should be issued in such several sums within the amount to be given as should suit his convenience

[289] On motion of Alderman Wendover Resolved that it be referred to a Committee to treat with Mr Joshua Jones for the purchase of his property on the North side of Vesey Street

The Council of the Board agreably to directions presented a Draft of a Bill to be enacted into a Law authorizing the Corporation to raise money by Tax for the purposes of the City & County for the year 1812, Upon filling up the blank as to the whole sum which should be raised, it was moved by Mr Hawes that the sum be One Hundred & Sixty Thousand ($160.000) Dollars

A Division having been called the Members voted as follows

Affirmative Aldn Mesier, Morss Mr Hawes Lawrence Wilson Hedden, Waldron, Drake 8

Negative Aldn Cunningham, Buckmaster Wendover Fish Pell Mr Jones, King Hardenbrook 8

The Board being equally divided his Honor the Recorder gave his vote in the affirmative.

The Council of the Board also presented a Report and the draft

of a Bill on the subject of the collection of Assessments which was read and approved & it was directed to be incorporated with the Bill proposed for raising monies by Tax and [290] to be reported at the next meeting of the Board. The Council was also directed to add a clause to the proposed Bill authorizing the Corporation to recover by Distress & Sale of owners goods the amount of sums assessed for Tax on Real property in whatever ward the owner may reside

On motion of Mr Hardenbrook Resolved that it be referred to a Committee to consider and report as to the disposal of the Lots at Inclenburgh now the property of this Corporation

The Committee appointed were Mr Hardenbrook The Comptroller & Street Commissioner

On motion of Mr King Resolved that the Chamberlain be directed to lay before this Board the names of all persons returned as Delinquents for non payment of Taxes from 1st April 1808 together with a general description of the Premises on which such taxes have been assessed, & that such return be made annually.

Resolved that in consequence of a Watchman having been taken from the Bridewell to be stationed at the arsenal, that the Watch Committee have authority to add another Watchman to the 3d Watch District.

At the suggestion of Mr Lawrence The Doors were closed.

[291] The Board took up the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Petition of the Executors of David Mann deceased and of the Purchasers of lots on Hamilton Square who were instructed to enquire into the propriety of applying to the Legislature for power to reduce the size of some of the Public Squares; and also to report their opinion on the most suitable means of providing the funds necessary to carry into effect the plan proposed by the Commissioners for laying the Island into Streets and Avenues & who

Reported "That they consider the several subjects above mentioned as referred to them of the highest importance not only as involving the rights of individuals but also the interest of the City. The rights of individuals inasmuch as whenever private property is taken for the use of the public the owners are entitled to a reasonable compensation: and the interests of the City, inasmuch as the grounds reserved by the Commissioners for public Squares, if purchased at a fair valuation, would cost a sum, the legal interest of which would far exceed the ordinary revenues of the Corporation. It is therefore a subject deserving the deliberate attention of the Corporation,

whether some of the public squares as laid down by the Commissioners ought not to be reduced in size & others altogether discontinued. With much deference to the opinion of the Commissioners your Committee think that they ought.

Among these your Committee beg leave first to direct the [292] attention of the Corporation to the large Square laid down on the Commissioners Map under the name of

1. "Grand Parade." This contains from 270 to 280 acres of ground on which are many valuable improvements.

Your Committee are of opinion that this might be reduced to one half of its present size, if not less, and yet be sufficient in size for all the purposes of a public parade.

2d The Angle formed by the Junction of the Bowery road and Broadway and designated on the Commissioners Map by the name of "Union Place."

The whole of the grounds contained in Union Place it is understood are laid out into City lots & many of them are built upon. Should the ground be taken by the Corporation for a Public Square it would doubtless cost a large sum. Part of the grounds referred to is the property alluded to in the Petition from the Executors of David Mann deceased. Your Committee are of opinion that the Petitioners are entitled to the relief they solicit. But as the probable expense of laying open "Union Place" would far exceed its value to the public, as a Square, your Committee recommend that Union Place be discontinued: by which means the Corporation will be relieved from a heavy expence & the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Should the Board concur in the opinions herein before expressed of reducing the "Grand Parade" and altogether discontinuing "Union Place" it will render the continuance of Broadway beyond [293] "Union Place" as laid down on said Map altogether useless; and as it would be necessary should Broadway be extended in the manner laid down upon the Map, to take not only a very considerable quantity of valuable ground but several expensive buildings its discontinuance will relieve the Corporation from a very heavy and unnecessary expense.

3d On the Petition of the purchasers of lots on Hamilton Square, your Committee report that on investigation they find that the plan of Hamilton Square was finally settled and agreed upon by the Corporation before the Act for the appointment of Commissioners was passed.

That therefore it is questionable whether the Commissioners appointed under that Act had any right to interfere with the plan as laid down by the Corporation. Your Committee recommend that the plan of Hamilton Square as heretofore settled by the Corporation be continued and that, to remove all doubts on the subject application be made to the Legislature, for its confirmation.

On the whole Your Committee deem it a matter of high importance that the Corporation should decide as early as possible, how much and what part of the lands laid down on the Commissioners Map for public Squares it will be adviseable to purchase & what part of said Squares to reduce or altogether discontinue. And that if any alteration of the Commissioners plan shall be deemed proper that a suitable [294] Memorial to the Legislature of the State together with a Bill be drawn & forwarded to Albany without delay.

Should the Corporation permit the present Session to pass without any application on the subject, it might naturally be deemed such an acquiescence on the part of the Corporation in the whole of the Commissioners plan as to preclude any future application, and would furnish strong grounds to the proprietors of lands located by the Commissioners to call on the Corporation for immediate payment, a claim, which it might be difficult to palliate or refuse.

On the subject of Ways and Means your Committee readily acknowledge their embarrassment.

After making all reasonable deduction in the places reserved by the Commissioners for public Squares, the remainder will be estimated at an amount probably exceeding One million of Dollars.

The right of individuals to indemnity for such parts of their property as shall eventually be reserved for public use, cannot be questioned; and the Corporation are imperiously bound to provide the means to satisfy the same.

This cannot be done by resorting to temporary loans, which are sufficiently embarrassing to the Corporation to require all their financial exertions in that way to meet the exigencies of present engagements. In all cases it is sufficiently perplexing to be obliged to resort [295] to daily expedients to provide for the payment of just demands, but in the present case such a course would be intolerable.

With these views of the subject your Committee beg leave to suggest to the consideration of the Corporation the propriety of providing as well for the present debts of the Corporation & for the finishing the City Hall, building New Alms House &c as well as for those

which will arise from the purchase of public squares, by funding the debt and issuing Certificates bearing Interest at Six per centum payable half yearly not redeemable for years.

Your Committee are fully confident that in this way the Corporation will be enabled to meet their engagements with punctuality, public credit will be confirmed, and the best interests of the City promoted."

All which is respectfully submitted

Nicholas Fish
Peter Hawes
Augus H Lawrence."

The Report having been read Alderman Mesier moved as a previous question, as follows, " Shall an application be made to the Legis- " lature for any alteration in the Report and Plan of the Commissioners " of Streets & Roads,"

The Question having been taken thereon & a Division having been called it was carried in the affirmative as follows

[296] Affirmative Aldn Morss, Buckmaster Wendover Fish Pell Mess. Hawes, Lawrence King 8.

Negative Aldn Mesier, Cunningham, Messs Hedden, Wilson, Waldron Hardenbrook, Drake, 7.

It was then agreed to consider the Report of the said Committee by Sections, and upon the Question of agreeing to the First Section respecting the reduction of the " Grand Parade " a Division having been called the Members voted as follows,

Affirmative Aldn Morss, Buckmaster, Fish Pell. Messs Hawes Lawrence King 7.

Negative Aldn Mesier, Cunningham Messs Wilson Hedden Waldron Hardenbrook Drake 7.

The Board being equally divided the Recorder gave his Vote in the negative.

Mr Hawes gave notice that at the next meeting of the Board he would move for a reconsideration of the Vote last given.

It was then moved that the further consideration of the Report be postponed until the next meeting of the Board which was agreed to.

The Doors were then opened.

The Comptroller presented a Lease to Thomas Egerton for lot No 5 Magazine Street for twenty one years from the first of May last which having been examined by the Council of the Board was directed to be duly executed.

[297] Mr Lawrence moved that an Application be made to the Legislature for a Law authorizing the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York to create a Stock for the purposes of liquidating the Debts of the Corporation already contracted, And to provide for the engagements which it will be necessary for the Common Council to make for carrying into effect the plans proposed in the Report of the Commissioners of Streets and Roads, for other, the completing the New Alms House, and the exigencies of the City

A Division having been called it was carried in the Affirmative the Members voting as follows Viz

Affirmative Ald. Mesier, Cunningham, Morss, Fish, Messs Hawes Lawrence King Wilson, Hedden, Hardenbrook. 10.

Negative Aldn Buckmaster, Pell Mr Waldron 3.

It was then directed to be referred to a Committee consisting of the Committee of Finance, the Council of the Board & the Comptroller to prepare a Memorial & the draft of a Bill upon the subject to be presented to the Honorable the Legislature at their present Session.

The Comptroller reported Cash in the Treasury	11426.62
Warrants not presented	748.69
Drs	10'677.93

[298] Whereupon his Honor the Recorder was requested to issue Warrants to pay the following accounts

Lawrence & Van Wart Watch	596.75
Farrington & White "	596.75
Goodheart & Hays "	523.25
Angevine & Hedden "	339.50
W. Fish Treasurer 1 Qr Salary 14th inst	125.
G. N. Bleecker Comptr 1 do 15. "	375.
Thos Hazard Keeper Bridewell & 2 Assts 18th inst	512.50
Proprietor of Morning Post 1 Qr Subspn 10th inst	18.75
Jacob Hays High Constable for Police Offrs to 7 Decr	292.64
Israel Haviland repairs to Engines to 8th inst	818.44
John Chambers valuing Boats at Brooklyn & Hurl Gt	10.
Corns Brinckerhoff Chambers for Pumps, Bell for Watch	160.19
Wm Butler repairg Pumps 8th Ward	10.78
John P. Ritter Intt on Bond 1 Yr to 14 inst	161. 9
Jno McCammon Bond & Interest to 13th inst balance	2809.21
Richard Furman Supt Alms House	1800.
John H. Sickles Treasr New City Hall	1500.
Drs	10'649.90

[299] In Common Council February 24th 1812

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr Recorder President

Peter Mesier Richard Cunningham John Morss George Buckmaster Peter H. Wendover Nicholas Fish John Pell	Aldermen	Augustine H. Lawrence Elisha W. King George Wilson Josiah Hedden Michael M. Titus John Drake	Assistants

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

The Petition of John O. Eddo for the appointment of Overseer of the Convicts was read and referred to the Bellevue Committee.

Recommendations of William Sell as Street Inspector and petitions from John Palmer & James Wilment to be appointed Street Inspectors were read & referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of William Jolly for remission of a penalty incurred by his son driving his cart without Licence [300] was read & referred to the Attorney of the Board with authority to remit the same if in his opinion proper.

A Petition from sundry persons that a place may be assigneed for the deposit of Manure was read & referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of the 7th & 10th Wards.

A Petition from Elizabeth McDonald for a Tavern licence gratis was read, Whereupon Resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition.

A Letter from Silas Tobias late a Watchman on the subject of his case was read & referred to the Watch Committee

A communication was received from Archibald Kerly & Eleanor Lawrence stating that the house and ground taken for opening Washington Street as the property of Jacob Smith, was mortgaged to them on 12th April 1809 by him for one thousand dollars, Ordered that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner & Comptroller.

An application from Leonard Fisher for the purchase of an Angle of ground fronting on Anthony Street, the property of the Corporation was read & referred to the Stt Commissioner & Comptroller with directions to report their opinion of the value of the same.

[301] The following Report from the Comptroller and Street Commissioner was read Viz

"A resolution was passed by the Common Council on the 23d of December last as follows "Resolved that the Committee on Chamber Street charged with the consideration of the Rents to be paid by the

Lessees of the lots the buildings on which were destroyed by fire, be discharged from that part of their duty, and that it be referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner to consider and report upon the same to the Board." Agreably thereto the Subscribers respectfully report that they have had the subject under consideration & would submit to the Board the following propositions That in consequence of the alteration made in the Lots thro' which Chamber Street is continued it should be left at the discretion of the Lessees to relinquish their leases to the Corporation by a fixed period, in which case they are to receive the award allowed by the Jury which is to be considered as an equivalent for such relinquishment but should they choose to hold their present Leases then the Assessment charged on their respective Lots will have to be borne and paid by them, as well as the full amount of Rent specified in each Lease. These principles the Subscribers are aware, may probably be combated by some of the Lessees but they are submitted to the Board in consequence of legal advice had on the subject.

[302] It will be important to bring this business to a close as early as possible, as well to extinguish all controversy as to be in possession of such portions of the Lease property as may be given up by the Lessees on the principles before noted

Feb^{y} 24, 1812 (S^{d}) G. N. Bleecker Compt^{r}
Sam^{l} Stilwell S^{t} Comss."

and was approved.

A request from John Good for payment of the assessment of the Jury for his property taken to open Chamber Street was read and referred to the Comptroller & S^{t} Commissioner to settle the same upon the principles of the foregoing Report.

It was also Resolved that the Lessees of the Corporation Lots have agreably to said Report until the 16th of March next to surrender their Leases

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Cheif Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company N^{o} 4

Jonathan Mondon Porter N^{o} 16 Maiden Lane	2^{d}	Ward	Additional Members.
Walter F. Townsend Merch^{t} 76 Chatham St^{t}	7	"	
Thomas Holmes Carpenter 6 Dutch St^{t}	3	"	
Horace W. Bulkley Merchant 65 Maid. lane	3	"	

Fire Engine C° N° 15.

Harman Hinman Carpenter N° 12 Chatham St[t] 4[th] W. v Francis Marschalk resg[d]

[303] Fire Engine Company N° 31.

John Gilman Mason N° 7 Walker St[t]	5[th] Ward	Additional Members
Samuel Dixon Carpenter Varick St[t]	5[th] do	
John Johnston Blacksmith 47 Leonard S[t]	5.	
Edward Weir Coach maker B[d] Way	6 do	

The City Inspector presented drafts of Ordinances from N° 337 to 351 inclusive which were passed.

An Application of Phœbe Wright Administratrix of Sam[l] Wright deceased for permission to transfer a Lot held under the Corporation to John Riddell was referred to the Comptroller.

The Attorney of the Board presented the following Report, That Suits have been brought against Capt Thomas Collins Sch[r] Canton & Capt. S. G. Stevens Sl Emeline for not reporting their Passengers at the Mayors office

Both these Defendants assert their ignorance of the Law requiring the Reports And from the particular circumstances of their cases your Attorney is disposed to credit these assertions he therefore submits to the Common Council the propriety of remitting the Penalties incurred by them, upon the usual terms

D. S. Jones

which was agreed to.

[304] Alderman Wendover from the Committee on Amendments to the Act for suppressing Vice and Immorality presented a Report which was read & made the order of the day for Monday next

To this Committee were added M[r] King and the Council of the Board with a request that the Committee would at the next Meeting report a Bill to be enacted into a law to provide for the more economical disposal and management of the estates of Lunatics and also for the placing of the Estates of persons habitually intemperate into the hands of Trustees for the benefit of their families.

On motion of M[r] Lawrence as Chairman of the Committee of Finance Resolved that the late Attorney of the Board render at the next meeting, a list of suits now depending & conducting by him in favor of this Board together with a statement of the situation in which they are respectively

Ordered that the Superintendant of Repairs be directed to erect a temporary shed for the new Engine N° 12 & also that he take charge of the Bricks & Stones lying in the Public Square Chatham Street.

Resolved that the Attorney of the Board be authorized to remit all Penalties incurred under the Sunday Law by selling provided [305] that each offender pay a sum not less than five Dollars and that no costs accrue to the Corporation.

The Council of the Board agreably to directions reported the draft of a Memorial to the Legislature & a corresponding Bill for the purpose of authorising the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York to raise monies by tax and for other purposes which was agreed to, and the Clerk of the Common Council was directed to cause the same to be engrossed and to forward the same to the Legislature now in Session at Albany—The Memorial was in the following Words

To the Honorable the Legislature of the People of the State of New York in Senate and Assembly convened

The Memorial of the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened

Respectfully Represents,

That for the purpose of defraying the Ordinary Expences arising within and properly chargeable to the City and County of New York for the ensuing year it is necessary that the sum of Ninety Thousand Dollars be raised by a Tax on the Estates real & personal of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of and situate within the said City and County And that for the defraying the Ordinary Expences arising within & properly chargeable [306] to that part of the City of New York commonly called the Lamp and Watch District also for the ensuing year it is necessary that the further sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars be raised by a Tax on the Estates Real and Personal of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of and situate within that part of the said City called the Lamp & Watch District.

Your Memorialists therefore pray that the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen of the City of New York may be empowered by an Act to be passed by your Honorable Body to order and cause to be raised the said sums by such Taxes as aforesaid.

Your Memorialists further represent that difficulties frequently occur in the Collection of taxes on Real Estates in the said City by reason of the Owners of the said estates not residing in the Ward where the same is situated so that the Tax cannot be collected by dis-

tress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Owners on account of the authority of the Collector to make such distress being limited to the Ward in [and] for which he is chosen.

Your Memorialists are desirous therefore that the Mayor Recorder and Aldermen or any seven of them be permitted in such cases to levy the same by distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of such Owners wheresoever the same may be found in the said City.

Your Memorialists further represent that the authority [307] which has been given to them by your Honorable Body of collecting monies due on Assessments by advertisement and Sale of the Lots assessed in certain cases has been found to be productive of great advantages in facilitating the said Collections—Your Memorialists therefore pray that the same authority be given as to all future Assessments & to all former ones where the said assessment now is a lien or charge on the property assessed.

Your Memorialists have accordingly caused a Bill embracing the above objects to be drafted and to be herewith presented to your Honorable Body Which Bill they respectfully pray may be enacted into a Law at the present Session of the Legislature.

And Your Memorialists as in duty bound &c[a]

Resolved that his Honor the Recorder together with the Building Committee be requested to confer with such Committee as shall be appointed by the gentlemen of the Bar of this City, as to an arrangement of the Seats &c[a] in the Court Rooms of the New City Hall.

The Report of the Committee upon the Petition of the Executors of David Mann & others was called up & after some time spent on the consideration thereof, the further consideration was postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

[308] The Comptroller Reported Cash in the Treasury	6430.48
Warrants not presented	459.38
	5971.10

Whereupon Resolved that his Honor the Recorder be requested to issue Warrants to pay the following accounts

B. Skaats & Assistant 1 Q[r] Salary &c	139.44
David Stilwell repairing Pumps 4 & 6 Wards	90.
Ab. K. Beekman a/c award for ground to open Elm St[t]	1000.
Archibald Smyth on a/c Delancey St[t]	200.
Editor of the Evening Post advertising open[g] Streets	6.75
J. P. Roome Supd[t] Repairs to pay Workmen	450.
R. Furman Treas[r] New Alms House	2000.
John H. Sickels Treas[r] New City Hall	2000.
	$5886.19

[309] In Common Council March 2d 1812

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr Recorder President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Peter Hawes	Assistants.
Charles Dickinson		Augustine H. Lawrence	
Richard Cunningham		Elisha W. King	
John Morss		George Wilson	
George Buckmaster		Josiah Hedden	
Peter H. Wendover		Michael M. Titus	
John Pell		Wm J. Waldron	
		Wm A. Hardenbrook	
		John Drake	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

The following Resolution was proposed and agreed to

Whereas the services of Mr Andrew Otterson are considered as no longer necessary Resolved that he be and he is hereby discharged from the employment of this Board.

An Account of Bernard Hart for expences for powder for a Salute fired on the 22d February last being the Anniversary of the Birth day of George Washington was presented & ordered to be referred to the Comptroller to report a Warrant for the payment of the same.

[310] The City Inspector presented drafts of Ordinances for correction of Nuisances from No 352 to 360 inclusive which were passed.

A Petition of Jesse Cooper for a Stand as Butcher in the Country Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of Charles Judge for remission of Penalty for selling liquors without Licence was read & referred to the Attorney of the Board with authority to remit the penalty if in his opinion proper.

A Petition of Wm Cooley for permission to transfer the Lease of the Northerly half part of Lot number fifty seven Chatham Street was read and referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of Sundry Owners and Occupants of Lots on the West side of Peck Slip praying that the Assessment for filling up Peck Slip be reconsidered, was read & referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of William Marshall a Debtor of the Corporation stating his insolvent circumstances & that he had offered to his creditors a compromise of seven [311] shillings in the pound and praying the Corporation to accede to that proposition for the debt owing by him to them was read & referred to the Comptroller with authority to compromise as above stated if in his opinion proper.

A communication from Charles Christian Esqr one of the Special Justices stating a felony which had been committed by a black boy

in consequence of inducements held out to him by some Pawn-Brokers in this City, was read and directed to be returned with a request that the same might be laid before the Grand Jury.

It was also Resolved that it be referred to the Council of the Board to report an Ordinance for the Regulation of Pawn-brokers agreably to the powers of the Act of the Legislature in that case made and provided.

A Petition of sundry Freeholders & Inhabitants of the Vicinity of James' Slip praying that Piers may be run out to the permanent line so as to enlarge said slip was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 4th Ward & Strt Commissioner.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company No 18

William E. Nexsen Mercht No 104 Gold Stt 4th Ward v. Jonathan Sheperd resigd

Robert White, Clerk 291 Pearl Street 2d W. v Benjamin Mowatt decd

[312] Fire Engine Company No 30.

Dudley Mason Shipwright Pump St. 10th W. v Samuel Dodge resigd

Matthias Jordan Milkman Bowery Lane 10th W. v. Joshua Huestis decd

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances reported the following Laws which they had examined & which they recommend to be re-enacted, which were accordingly passed

A Law for the due observance of the Lords day called Sunday.

A Law to prevent disorderly assemblies of persons in the City of New York.

A Law to prevent Gambling in the Streets and other public places in the City of New York.

A Law concerning Taverns and Boarding Houses.

A Law to prevent Masquerades in the City of New York.

A Law to prevent Swimming and Bathing at improper times & places & for other purposes.

A Law to prevent the Ringing or tolling of Bells for funerals in the City of New York.

A Law to regulate the Driving of Horses, Carts and Carriages in the City of New York.

A Law to appoint a Comptroller in the City of New York.

A Law for the appointment of a Street Commissioner and to regulate the paving and keeping in repair, and to prevent obstructions in, the Streets of the City of New York

A Law for the appointment of Superintendants of Streets and for other purposes.

[313] A Law for the appointment of a Road Committee and Overseers of the Public Roads.

A Law for the establishment of a Board of Health.

A Law to prevent Nuisances and to provide for the security of the Public Health in the City of New York.

A Law for procuring regular Bills of Mortality also for procuring a register of Births and Marriages.

A Law directing the mode of collecting certain revenues of the Corporation of the City of New York and for other purposes.

A Law for establishing the Assize and regulating the Inspection of Bread.

A Law for preventing and extinguishing Fires and to regulate the keeping and transportation of Gun Powder in the City of New York.

A Law to regulate Sales at Auction in the City of New York.

A Law to regulate the Inspection Sale and cartage of Lime.

The Street Commissioner and Council of the Board to whom was referred the Deed of Cession of Hubert Street from Chapel Street to S^{t} Johns Lane Reported that they see no objections to the Deed and therefore do recommend that it be accepted, which was agreed to and the Deed was directed to be filed in the Comptrollers office.

[314] The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment for opening Columbia Street, with the objections of Benjamin Bailey thereto, Whereupon Resolved that the Assessment be confirmed and that Morris De Camp be appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for running a Bulkhead across and filling up Courtlandt Street Slip, which was passed, the Assessors were not then appointed

The Street Commissioner presented the 2^{d} Assessment for widening Maiden lane, which had been published according to Law & agreably to directions given, and no objections in writing having been presented,

Resolved that the said Assessment be confirmed, and that Noah Jarvis be appointed Collector.

The Attorney of the Board reported

"That during the last week he has commenced Suits against

Samuel Neaves, James Russell and John S. Doane respectively for neglecting to report and give Bond for Passengers brought to this City in vessels commanded by them All of the Defendants are willing to comply with the Law and declare that they have incurred the Penalties in consequence of being ignorant of the necessity of making Report

[315] Your Attorney is inclined to believe that they have not intentionally broken the Law, and therefore Respectfully suggests to the Common Council the propriety of remitting the Penalties in these cases on the usual terms

All which is Respectfully Submitted.

March 2d 1812 (Sd) D. S. Jones.

Which was agreed to.

The following Report on the subject of the purchase from Colonel Richard Varick was presented by the Council of the Board which was approved—The Deed from R. Varick & Wife was directed to be recorded and the Quit Claim Assignment and agreement were to be filed in the Comptrollers Office—Viz

"The Council of the Corporation respectfully Reports, that Conveyances of the property at the foot of Dey Street and Partition Street lately purchased by the Corporation from Colonel Varick have been executed by Col[l] Varick & his Wife—that Col[l] Varick hath also executed an assignment of the Wharfage which has accrued since the 30th April last. And that certain Articles of Agreement between Col[l] Varick and the Corporation in the premises have been mutually executed by that gentleman and the Corporation—the said conveyances and assignments and one part of the said Articles executed by Col[l] Varick are herewith presented to the Common Council; and your Council respectfully Reports [316] that the same are in conformity with the terms of the purchase and the resolution of the Board on that subject.

Agreably to the wishes of Colonel Varick and pursuant to the authority given by the Common Council Bonds have been issued and delivered to him for the principal and Interest thereof in the following manner,

1st	Bond for	D[rs] 2940	payable 1st May	1813
2d	do	2940	do	1814
3d	do	2940	do	1815
4th	do	2940	do	1816
5th	do	2940	do	1817
6th	do	2940	do	1818

these Bonds are for the Annual Interest on the whole purchase, the Principal Bonds being so drawn that no Interest accrues thereon until after the days of payment thereof respectively.

7th	Bond for Drs	20'000	payable 1st May	1818
8th	do	1540	do	1819
9th	do	1540	do	1820
10th	do	1540	do	1821
11th	do	1540	do	1822

these four last mentioned Bonds are for the Interest which annually accrues on the residue of the Principal

12 a Bond for Drs 22'000 payable the 1st May in Year 1822.

All which is Respectfully submitted

(Signed) D. S. Jones.

[317] The Comptroller on the Petition of Phebe Wright for permission to transfer the Lease of a Lot in Duane Street to John Riddell reported in favor of the petition,

Which was agreed to.

Mr Lawrence presented the following Resolution respecting the Attorney & Council of the Board

"Whereas the Resolution of the Common Council passed the 20th January last, appointing a Council & Attorney to this Board is so framed as not to express with sufficient certainty the compensation which was intended to be allowed him, therefore

Resolved, that for all services rendered by him in the character of Attorney he shall receive the usual compensation which has heretofore been allowed to former Attornies of this Board; and that for his Services as Council he shall receive the Sum of Five Hundred Dollars per annum.

Which was agreed to.

Mr Lawrence as Chairman of the Committee of Finance presented the following Resolution

"Ordered That the Street Commissioner and Comptroller lay before the Board at the next meeting a Map of the Collect Lots belonging to the Corporation of such dimensions as they may judge most advantageous for [318] the public interest—Also, a Map of the Inclenberg property laid out into suitable lots agreably to the new regulation of Streets & Avenues—Likewise of such portions of Common Lands as are not already disposed of; together with a Map of Brooklyn lots near the Old Ferry. And also a description of the lots of ground corner of Pearl & State Streets near the Battery occupied

by John S. Delamater, the ground on Chatham Street adjoining the Free School, and the ground at the Old City Hall.

Ordered That the Comptroller and Street Commissioner report to the Board at the next meeting the most suitable time and mode of Sale (in their opinion) of the above property, and of two lots of ground on the Westerly side of Peck Slip between Front & South Streets, the house and lot of ground Corner of Beach and Chappel Streets, and of such other public property (if any) as may be disposed of to advantage

S[d] A. H Lawrence Chairm[n] of the finance Committee"
March 2[d] 1812.

Which was agreed to

The Report of the Comptroller and Street Commissioner on the Petition of Thomas B. Clarke was called up which was read in the words following

[319] The Petition of Thomas B. Clarke requesting a Water Grant of a large extent adjoining his property on the North River about three miles from the City; having been referred to the Street Commissioner and Comptroller the 26[th] August last, they

Respectfully Report

That the Chief objection they have to offer in this case is, that the Petitioner holds only a life estate in the upper lands; and to grant the right of the water might deprive the future proprietor of the benefits appertaining to property situated on the River. It appears also to the Subscribers very injudicious to grant a large extent under Water, particularly as the Rents in that vicinity are now low, and at a future period they will no doubt be very productive; besides the making a large quantity of *of* new ground similar to what has been practised in this City of late years on both Rivers, might be the source of evils relative to public health greatly to be deprecated.

The uncertainty of the arrangement which may take place in that quarter of the Island when the avenues & Roads are laid out, are considerations that appear impressive.

From the above circumstances the Subscribers cannot recommend a compliance with the prayer of the [320] petitioner and respectfully submit the subject to the decision of the Board.

G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller

Sept. 30[th] 1812 Signed Samuel Stilwell
St[t] Commissioner

On the Question of agreeing to the same it was carried in the Affirmative.

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of the Executors of David Mann &c^{a} was called up

M^{r} Hawes then moved that the Board reconsider the Vote taken on the 17th ultimo respecting the reduction of the "Grand Parade," mentioned in said Report.

Which was agreed to

The first Section of the Report of the Committee (see Page 292) was then read, and the question being taken upon agreeing to the same and a Division having been called it was carried in the Affirmative as follows

Affirmative Ald^{n} Dickinson Cunningham Morss, Buckmaster, Wendover, Pell, Mess^{rs} Hawes Lawrence King Wilson Titus, Waldron Hardenbrook Drake 14.

Negative Ald^{n} Mesier M^{r} Hedden. 2.

[321] The Second Section of the Report (page 292) of the Committee was then read respecting the discontinuance of Union Place, when the Question having been taken as to agreeing to the same and a Division having been called it was carried in the Affirmative as follows.

Affirmative Ald^{n} Cunningham Morss Buckmaster Wendover, Pell Mess^{s} Hawes, Lawrence King Titus, Waldron, Hardenbrook, Drake, 12.

Negative Ald^{n} Mesier Dickinson M^{r} Hedden Wilson 4.

The Third Section of the Report of the Committee respecting Hamilton Square was then read and upon the question of agreeing to the same it was carried in the Affirmative

Alderman Wendover then moved the following

Resolved that the Petition to the Legislature also embrace an application for power to reduce or discontinue at the discretion of this Corporation the Market Place bounding on the East River as laid out by the Commissioners.

On the Question of agreeing to the same a Division being called it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative Ald^{n} Dickinson, Cunningham Morss Buckmaster, Wendover, Pell, Mess^{s} Hawes, Lawrence, King, Wilson Titus, Waldron, Hardenbrook, Drake. 14.

Negative Ald^{n} Mesier M^{r} Hedden. 2.

[322] The Council of the Board was then directed to draft a Memorial to the Legislature and a Bill corresponding therewith to

be enacted into a law, and to report the same at the next meeting of the Board.

It was then moved that the Doors be closed which was agreed to.

[323] The Doors being opened

The following Report of the Committee in the case of Stephen Hitchcock was presented

"That they have examined a variety of Witnesses both for and against him; that in many points they find the testimony very contradictory, & that having given the subject due consideration they are of opinion, that altho' it does not appear that Mr Hitchcock has been guilty of any fraud yet that he certainly in their opinion has in some instances acted indiscretely (most probably thro' age) and that the Charges made by him in his Account against this Corporation for Coal, Clerkhire Stable hire & a Starter of Carts, are improper & ought not to be allowed

Which is Respectfully Submitted

A, H, Lawrence,
Michael M Titus
March 2d 1812 Josiah Hedden
P. H. Wendover
George Wilson
John Pell.

Upon the Question of agreeing to the same a Division having been called it was carried in the Affirmative as follows.

Affirmative. Aldn Cunningham, Morss, Buckmaster Wendover, Pell, Messs Lawrence, Wilson, Hedden Titus, Waldron, Drake 11.

Negative. Aldn Mesier Dickinson Mess Hawes, King, Hardenbrook 5.

[324] The Comptroller Reported Cash in Treasury	8342. 3
Warrants not presented	267.38
	$8074.65

Whereupon his Honor the Recorder was requested to issue Warrants to pay the following accounts.

Lawrence & Van Wart Watch				596.75
Farrington & White				621.25
Goodheart & Hays				523.25
Angevine & Hedden				339.50
Jacob Delamontagne Spl Justice 1 Qr Salv 26 febv				250.
James Warner	do	do		250.
G. Gilbert	do	do		250.

B. Oblenis Clerk of the Police Office	250.
R. Stephens Assist[t] Clerk	125.
James Hardie Ass[t] City Inspector 1 Mo 1 inst	62.50
And. Otterson do do	50.
R. Graves Ass[t] St[t] Comss[r] do	62.50
Mott Hicks do do	50.
Adrian B. Holmes do do	50.
Jacob P. Roome Superd[t] Repairs 1 Q[r]	225.
Tho[s] Franklin Chief Engineer (18 feb[y]) 1 Q[r]	125.
W[m] P. Roome Keeper Pottersfield 1 Mo	43.50
W[m] Williss Coroner from 1 Nov[r] to 29[th] feb[y]	130.29
Thomas Freeborn 13 Sundays 6[th] Ward	19.50
[325] Barney Byrnes making Cartridges &c 25 Nov	11.89
Benj[n] Haight 45 leather, Hats Watch 1[st] Dist[t]	168.75
James Richardson cleaning Wells 10[th] Ward	18.30
Bailey & Graham balc[e] reg[s] Orchard Street	174.32
Tho[s] & Geo: Lovett acc[t] Delancy Street	300.
Arch[d] Smyth do do	300.
John Vanderbilt Jun[r] balc[e] due Jacob Smith for ground to open Washington St[t]	351.65
D. Woolsey balc[e] Pier E. side Beekman Slip	570.12
Samuel Sears on a/c of Bond	100.
Richard Furman Supd[t] Alms House	1050.
John H. Sickles Treas[r] New City Hall	1000.

[326] In Common Council March 9[th] 1812

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck Esq[r] Recorder, President

Peter Mesier	Alderman	Peter Hawes	Assistant
Charles Dickinson		Augustine H. Lawrence	
Richard Cunningham		Elisha W. King	
John Morss		George Wilson	
George Buckmaster		Josiah Hedden	
Peter H. Wendover		Michael M. Titus	
Nicholas Fish		W[m] J. Waldron	
John Pell		John Drake	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

Ordered that the Clerk of the Common Council procure a Book in which he shall record the Ordinances which shall from time to time be passed by this Common Council and that the said Book shall be considered as the Book of Record of the Ordinances and Laws of the Corporation of the City of New York.

A Petition of Joseph Strong stating that he had erected a Lamp in front of his house in Partition Street which by an understanding

with the Lamp Committee at that [327] time was considered as a public lamp and was lighted as such, but that lately the Superintendant of lamps has called upon him for payment for lighting the same and upon his refusal to pay the same the Superintendant has not lighted it, & praying relief

Ordered that it be referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition from Henry Dennison Lessee of Hay Scales at George's Slip praying for reasons therein stated a remission of Rent was read

Ordered that it be referred to the Ald^{n} & Assistant of the 7th Ward & the Comptroller.

A communication from James Bogert jun^{r} stating that on the night of the 4th inst two Barns belonging to him were destroyed by fire, evidently the work of some Incendiary and suggesting the propriety of the Common Council offering a reward for the discovery of such Incendiary—and Also stating that the Fire Engine stationed in Harlem Village is injudiciously placed, was read,

Whereupon Resolved that his Honor the Recorder be authorized in behalf of this Common Council to offer a reward of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars for the discovery and prosecuting to conviction the Perpetrators of the above crime. Resolved also that the latter part of the Communication be referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

[328] A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants for establishment of a Fire Engine in the vicinity of Pitt and other adjoining Streets was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition from Peter H. Schenck complaining of the 2^{d} Assessment for widening Maiden Lane & praying that the same may again be opened in order that he may have an opportunity of making his objections thereto before the Assessors,

Whereupon Resolved that it be referred to the following Committee with a request also that they would report specially as to a compromise offered by M^{r} Schenk for the ground lately occupied by the Oswego Market.

Committee appointed were Ald^{n} Mesier Morss M^{r} Waldron M^{r} King & Council of the Board.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies.

Fire Engine Company N^{o} 5.

Peter Roe Grocer N^{o} 181 Washington St^{t} 6 W. v Joel Sayre res^{d}

[329] Fire Engine Company N° 15.

John Stilwell Carpenter N° 26 Roosevelt St. 4th W. v. D. Weed resd

A Petition of Stephen Cornell praying that his Son Isaac Cornell a Minor have a Licence to drive a cart, he give security for the faithful performance of his duty—was read, Whereupon Resolved that the prayer of the Petition be granted.

A Petition of John Brown a Cartman praying the remission of a Penalty incurred by him inadvertently by purchasing and selling two loads of Wood contrary to the Ordinance in that case made & provided, was read & the prayer of the petition granted.

Alderman Mesier stated that he had been requested by some gentlemen to represent to the Common Council that they are desirous of purchasing from the Corporation a part of the property lately purchased by them from Richard Varick Esqr he therefore moved that a Committee be appointed to confer with those gentlemen on the subject and to report to the Board their propositions and also the opinion of the Committee on the propriety of acceeding to such proposal

Which was agreed to & the following Committee [330] were appointed Aldn Mesier, Morss Wendover,

The City Inspector presented drafts of Ordinances from N° 361 to 367 inclusive—which were passed.

The Attorney of the Board Reported upon the cases of Captains Kirby of the Sloop Walcott & Webb of Schooner Jersey for not reporting their passengers at the Mayors office. Both these gentlemen are willing to comply with the law & they solicit the favor of the Common Council in the remission of the penalties incurred by them respectively. Your Attorney is disposed to beleive that there was no desire on the part of either of them to evade the Law and respectfully submits to the Board the propriety of giving him authority to discontinue the suits upon their reporting their passengers and giving bond for them if a bond be requisite." All which is submitted.

Which was agreed to and the penalties directed to be remitted.

The Market Committee on the Petition of Philip Ferris & Benjamin Davis for permission to exchange with each other Stalls N° 36 Hudson & 38 Fly Market Reported that in their opinion the prayer of the Petitioners should be granted [331] which was agreed to.

The same Committee on the Petition of Charles Gilmore to exchange Stall N° 6 Duane Market for N° 4 of same market reported

as their opinion that he be permitted so to remove to N° 4 upon relinquishing his right to N° 6 which Report was agreed to.

The Committee of applications on the Petitions of Isaac R. Freeman for appointment of a Sealer of Weights and Measures & of Jesse Frame for appointment of Measurer of Grain &c. Reported that the prayer of the Petitions be granted,

Which was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner upon the petition respecting the repaving the West side of Peck Slip and part of Front Street Reported

"That these Repairs have been done in the usual manner, & as there appears to be no error in the proceedings or accounts the Street Commissioner is of opinion that there is no cause of complaint and that the Petitioners should have leave to withdraw their petition

Which is Respectfully submitted

Sam[l] Stilwell S[t] Comss[r]

Which was agreed to.

[332] The Street Commissioner & Comptroller agreably to the directions of the Board of the 2[d] inst presented a Report detailing certain parts of the Corporation property which in their opinion it would be adviseable to dispose of, accompanied by a Map of the same, which Report having been read it was Resolved that the further consideration of the same be postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

On motion Resolved that it be referred to a Committee to consider and Report whether any and what part of the grounds in the rear of the New City Hall be disposed of The Committee appointed were M[r] Lawrence Ald[n] Wendover M[r] Wilson S[t] Commissioner M[r] Comptroller

It being stated by a Member that he wished to call before the Members of the Common Council, business which was of a confidential nature, he moved that the Doors be closed which was agreed to

The Council of the Board agreably to the directions given him presented a Draft of a Memorial to the Legislature on the subject of reducing the Public Squares laid down in the Map of the Commissioners together [333] with a Bill to be enacted into a Law corresponding therewith, which were read.

Alderman Mesier then presented the following Resolution

"Whereas great inconvenience arises to the Corporation & the Citizens of the City of New York from that part of the Ninth Clause of the Act entitled 'An Act relative to improvements touching the laying out of Streets & Roads in the City of New York and for other purposes passed April 3, 1807 which enacts "that it shall not be lawful

&c[a]" Therefore Resolved that application be made to the Legislature so to amend the latter part of said clause as that when the Corporation shall find it necessary to take possession of any grounds comprehended in any of the Squares, as laid down by the Commissioners, they shall be compelled to pay for the improvements which may be found thereon."

the Question being taken thereon and a Division having been called it passed in the Negative as follows

Negative Ald[n] Morss, Wendover, Pell, Mess[s] Hawes Lawrence, King, Wilson, Hedden, Titus, Waldron 10.

Affirmative Ald[n] Mesier, Dickinson, Cunningham, Fish, M[r] Hardenbrook, Drake, 6

It was then Resolved that the Memorial & Bill be referred to the following Committee to digest & report their opinions thereon.

[334] The Committee appointed were Ald[n] Fish M[r] Hawes Ald[n] Morss M[r] Drake M[r] Hardenbrook

The Doors were then opened.

M[r] Hedden from the Committee on the petition of sundry Cartmen presented the following Report

" That in their opinion the following proviso ought to be substituted instead of the last proviso in the 6[th] Section of the Ordinance now in force regulating the " landing and sale of Hay, passed January 11. 1808.

" Provided also that any quantity of Hay not exceeding two Hundred weight may be sold, and carted away by any Cartman or other person for his or her own use without incurring any Penalty therefor."

John Pell
S[d] Mich[l] M. Titus
Jos Hedden

which was agreed to.

The Comptroller presented a Deed to George Codwise for a Gore or Piece of Ground on the Easterly side of Burling Slip next his property—and a Lease to John Riddle for a Lot on Duane Street which having been examined & approved by the Council of [335] the Board, were directed to be duly executed and delivered.

It was then Resolved that it be referred to the Council of the Board to prepare a Form of a Lease to be given by the Corporation to Lessees under them which shall contain a covenant, that the Corporation will on the expiration of the Term pay for such improvements as shall have been made by the Lessee during the term, the value to

be ascertained by Appraisers indifferently chosen between the Corporation and such Lessee; but that the Covenant for renewal contained in the present form of Lease be omitted, except for one year.

Alderman Buckmaster called up the Resolution presented some time since for the removal of Stephen Hitchcock Superintendant of Streets, which after some consideration thereof was postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

The Comptroller Reported Cash in the Treasury	16097.94
Warrants not presented	458.84
Drs	15'639.10

Whereupon his Honor the Recorder was requested [336] to issue his Warrants to pay the following accounts.

DeWitt Clinton Esqr Mayor 1 Qr Sal. 12th febv	1750.
Peter Aymar City Collector 1 Qr 6th inst	156.
J. A. Crolius Inspector of Bread 1 Qr to 8. bal	93.50
Bernard Hart 2 Casks Powder &c 22d Febv	34. 4
E. Ginnings Supdt Lamps 1 Mo 11th inst	489.10
Wm S. Castle repg Pumps 2 & 3 Wards	73. 9
John Fine Do 1 & 8 do	71.75
Chas Dickinson (7th Ward) Intt on 3 Bonds	568.75
Peter Bonnett Assignee of Bond to L Lispenard Intt	167.87
John Good Award for ground to open Chamber St & Lease	1520.
R Bogardus Atty for El. Lawrences ground for Washgn Str	1144.27
D. Woolsey bal. on Bulkhead & Pier Courtlandt St Slip	2686. 7
Jane Dartnell paving Corporation property Chatham St	10.27
Richard Furman Supdt Alms House	3000.
John H. Sickles Treasr New City Hall	1500.
Do do to pay George Youle Iron castings	2000.
Dolls	15'264.70

[337] In Common Council March 16th 1812

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr Recorder President.

Charles Dickinson	Aldermen	Peter Hawes	Assistants
Richard Cunningham		Angus: H. Lawrence	
George Buckmaster		Elisha W. King	
Peter H. Wendover		George Wilson	
Nicholas Fish		Josiah Hedden	
		Michael M. Titus	
		Wm J. Waldron	
		Wm A. Hardenbrook	
		John Drake	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

The Petition of Fire Engine Company No 33. for a larger Engine & for an encreased number of men was read & referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition of Henry Fanning Executor of Fredk Davoue requesting for reasons therein stated that the Corporation would extend the Lease of No 24 Peck Slip to the Administrators of said Estate,

Ordered to be referred to the Comptroller.

[338] A Petition of John Weathershire praying payment for ground taken for opening Chamber Street, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner, Comptroller, and Council.

A Petition of James Ridgeway praying permission to transfer Lease of lot No 4 Pearl (late Magazine) St to John Hopper Junr was read & referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Spring Street complaining of sunken lots in the neighborhood was read & referred to the City Inspector.

A Petition of Jonathan Randel Junr praying to be appointed Overseer of Roads or to contract for the same was read & referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of Thomas B. Clarke for a Water Grant on the Hudson river was read and referred to the Street Commissioner & Comptroller.

A Letter of William Mooney addressed to the Comptroller on the subject of the Lots he holds under the Board in Chatham Street was read and referred to the Committee formerly appointed in the case of the Lessees of Lots in Chamber Street.

[339] A Petition from sundry Inhabitants praying that Cliff Street may be widened was read & referred to the following Committee with authority to employ Surveyors to survey the same—Aldn Dickinson Mr Hawes & Street Commissioner.

A Petition from Hugh M^cGinnis praying remission of penalty incurred under the Ordinance respecting the lying of vessels in the Public Slips was read and referred to the Attorney with authority to remit if in his opinion proper.

A Petition of Oliver Davison praying remission of Penalty for not giving Bond for a Passenger brought in his vessel was read & referred to the Council of the Board with authority to remit the same upon the petitioner giving the Bond required by Law.

A Petition of David Murray stating that a judgement had been recovered against him for selling liquor on Sunday, that the only evidence against him was Daniel Brewer who was now prosecuted for Perjury committed on a trial for a similar offence on the same day, and requesting that Execution [340] might be staid until the decision of that Indictment might be had and offering security for payment of the Judgement at that time.

Ordered that it be referred to the Council of the Board with authority to take the security proposed if in his opinion proper & to stay the execution until the further order of the Board.

A Petition of Robert Carnley for payment for filling in Willett Street was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 10^th^ Ward and the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Elkanah Smith for the appointment of Overseer of convicts was read and referred to the Bellevue Committee.

A Sale and release from James Ray as Attorney for Benjamin Colver & as Administrator of the Estate of Stephen Colver dec^d^ of the Machines called Dock Drudges to the Corporation was read & referred to the Council of the Board.

The City Inspector reported Drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 368 to N° 378 inclusive which were passed.

[341] A Petition of John Bunn for appointment as City Measurer was read and agreed to.

A communication of John Stanton on the subject of erecting an Asylum for the protection of profligate Orphans of the City was read and referred to the Committee on the subject of amending the law for suppressing Vice and Immorality. Viz Alderm^n^ Wendover, Cunningham M^r^ Hedden & The Council

A Communication from Robert Bogardus stating that John Dixey and others Lessees of the Corporation property in Chatham Street; considered themselves as not bound to pay the proportion of the ex-

pences assessed upon them for opening Chamber Street was read and referred to the Council of the Board.

The Committee on the Petition for enlarging James' Slip presented a Report which was read and the consideration thereof postponed.

The Council of the Board presented an Opinion on the subject of opening the 2d Assessment of [342] Maiden Lane which was directed to be inserted at length on the Minutes—And the Collector of the Assessment was directed to proceed in the collection of the same—The opinion is as follows

"An Assessment on the Owners or Occupants of Lots intended to "be benefitted by the widening of Maiden lane has been regularly and "legally made and has been duly confirmed by the Common Council. "A suggestion is afterwards made by one of the parties interested "in some of the property upon which the Assessment is imposed, that "he has reasonable objections to make to this assessment and that "the same was confirmed by the Common Council before he knew "that the assessment had been laid before them.

"It is submitted to the Council of the Board to say whether the "Common Council may open this assessment and refer it again to "Assessors to make another.

Answer

"The Common Council in these cases possesses no other authority "that such as is delegated to them by the Legislature and must of "course be confined to the authority given them. They are to ap-"point the Assessors and are to ratify or reject the Assessment. "When the Assessment hath been ratified by the Common Council "and the previous proceedings have been conducted conformably to "the Act, the authority of the Common Council ceases. They [343] "are like Commissioners appointed to a particular thing (as Judges "who discharge Insolvent Debtors) where the act being legally done "cannot be reversed by themselves—The Office being performed the "authority is at an end.

"In the present case the Assessment being ratified becomes bind-"ing and conclusive, and any of the Parties assessed may pay the "sums which are assessed upon their property and thus discharge "themselves from all future liability.

"The circumstances of this particular case may present features "of hardship but I am satisfied that the Common Council has no "authority to alleviate that hardship by ordering a new Assessment.

All which is respectfully submitted

March 13th 1812 D. S. Jones."

The Committee on the subject of altering the mode of Assessing the expences of sinking Wells Reported "That in their opinion it "would not be improper for all Wells hereafter to be sunk to be done "under the direction of the Common Council so that the expence attending the same be assessed upon the property benefitted thereby and upon the occupants and owners thereof as shall be determined [344] by Assessors to be appointed by the Common Council, & that a Memorial be presented to the Legislature for that purpose

Wm A. Hardenbrook
Josiah Hedden
Wm J. Waldron

The Committee of Finance on the subject of the debt due by Samuel L. Page Junr to the Corporation Reported as follows

"The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Comptroller on the subject of Saml L. Page Junrs debt and second Mortgage on a lease lot on Greenwich Street of about fifty years unexpired, free of ground rent, and Also of the proposition made by Colonel Delamontagne to the Corporation to take up his first Mortgage, on all the four lots belonging to Page—As the mortgage from Page is a second mortgage and only on. One of the lots which is included in Delamontagnes mortgage—And as there is no probability of the Boards ever being able to recover any thing from Page, except from this property—Your Committee are clearly of opinion that under all circumstances it would be adviseable for the Board to purchase or take up the Bond and Mortgage of Coll Delamontagne, provided he will consent to take a Bond of the Corporation for the [345] amount payable in three years with Interest at 7 P Cent Pr annum payable annually.

Respectfully communicated by the Finance Committee for the consideration of the Board

A H Lawrence Chairman

Which was agreed to and it was referred to the Comptroller & Council of the Board to see the title perfected in the Corporation.

The Council of the Board presented the following Report

"The Attorney of the Board has, during the last week, commenced Suits against Capt Latourette of the Schooner Eagle—Capt Coelho of the Hercules, and Capt Burke of the Fanny for not reporting their Passengers according to Law, he is however satisfied that neither of these Persons have been disposed to evade the law, but have incurred the penalties through ignorance he respectfully submits to the

Common Council the propriety of remitting those penalties upon the Captains making their Reports of Passengers and giving Bond for them if necessary

Capt. Hull & Capt. Currie both from Providence R. I. have also incurred penalties for not reporting & are unable to relieve themselves therefrom by reporting their Passengers; they declare themselves to have been ignorant of [346] the necessity of making this Report and that they have not kept any memorandum of the names of the Passengers The Attorney submits to the Board the propriety of permitting these persons to make such Report as may be in their power upon their giving a Special bond to guarantee the Overseers of the Poor from all expences which they may incur in the premises

March 16. 1812 D. S. Jones

which was agreed to.

The Council presented a Deed from Samuel Verplanck for the right of Way to the East side of the Lot at the Old City Hall which having been examined and approved by him was directed to be recorded and filed in the Office of the Comptroller.

The Council agreably to the direction of the Board presented the Form of a Lease to be given by the Corporation to persons leasing property from them.

The Council agreably to the direction of the Board presented the draft of an Ordinance for the regulation of Pawn Brokers, which being read the further consideration thereof was postponed.

The Report of the Street Commissioner & Comptroller on [347] Property of the Corporation which it would be adviseable to sell was called up and after some consideration thereof it was referred to the Finance Committee to consider and Report what parts of said property should be sold and the time where and terms upon which it should be disposed of.

Ordered that the Superintendant of Repairs, make such repairs to the City Jail as shall be deemed necessary by the Committee of Repairs.

Ordered that the Comptroller call upon I. A. Van Hook Esq^{r} late Attorney of the Board for a statement of his account with the Corporation.

A Member stating that business of a confidential nature was to be brought up

The Doors were closed.

Alderman Fish from the Committee to whom at the last meeting were referred the Memorial and Bill for reducing the Public Squares

as laid down on the Commissioners Map, Reported the same to be correct, which having been considered by Paragraphs, were agreed to and the Clerk of the Common Council was directed to engross the same and forward them to his Honor the Mayor now at Albany to be presented to the [348] Honorable the Legislature at their present Session.

Mr King informed the Board that he had received an Offer from Jacob McKeag who owns ground opposite to Horns-hook Ferry to sell the same to the Corporation, for the purposes of a ferry on the Long Island side,

Whereupon Resolved that it be referred to the Ferry Committee to take into consideration and report whether the situation of the ground lately offered by Jacob Lewis or that of Mr McKeag would be most suitable for a Ferry, and the comparative value of said grounds.

The Doors were again opened.

On motion of Alderman Wendover the Board took into consideration the Resolution for the removal of Stephen Hitchcock

A Memorial from Stephen Hitchcock was presented & read, stating that in the appointments which he had made in the Department under him and which he understood were disapproved of by the Board, he conceived himself as authorized by the Ordinances of the Common Council, & as acting for the best interests of the Public in so doing; but that as the Common Council had directed the Comptroller not to allow those charges in future, he begged leave to decline being considered as a candidate for the office after the expiration of his year. Whereupon [349] Resolved that his resignation be accepted.

Mr Drake presented the following resolution

Resolved that the Manure to be collected in the Streets of this City be farmed out for one year from the first day of April next in two separate districts to the highest bidders with proper security for the faithful performance of the same.

A Division having been called it passed in ye Affirmative as follows.

Affirmative Aldn Dickinson Cunningham Wendover Messrs Hawes, King, Wilson, Titus, Waldron Hardenbrook, Drake 10

Negative Aldn Buckmaster Aldn Fish Mess Lawrence Hedden 4

The following Committee was appointed to Report a plan for the

same. Messrs King Drake Waldron The Comptroller & Street Commissioner.

The Comptroller reported Cash in Treasy	3065.36
Warrants not presented	107.19
Balce Drs	2958.17

[350] Whereup[on] Resolved that his Honor the Recorder be requested to issue his Warrants to pay the following accounts

Lawrence & Van Wart Watch	596.75
Farrington & White do	621.25
Goodheart & Hays do	523.25
Angevine & Hedden do	339.50
City Dispensary 1 Yrs subscrpn due 1 Jany 1812	125.
John Striker Junr 16 Sundays 5 Ward	24.
W. F. Stevenson & L. Osborn 2 do 10th do	6.
John Kelly repairs Lamps 3 Mos to 11th inst	142.65
Wm Stilwell & others assessing Drain in Liberty St & opening Washington Street	160.
Jacob P Roome Superdt Repairs	200.
Dollars	2738.40

Adjourned to meet on Wednesday next at 4 O'Clock P M.

[351] In Common Council March 18th 1812.

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr Recorder President

Charles Dickinson Richard Cunningham John Morss George Buckmaster Peter H. Wendover John Pell.	Aldermen	Augustine H. Lawrence Elisha W. King Josiah Hedden Michael M. Titus William J. Waldron Wm A. Hardenbrook John Drake.	Assistants

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

Information having been received by the Common Council of the death of Doctor Edward Miller the Resident Physician of this City and that his interment would take place tomorrow afternoon at 4 OClock It was Resolved that this Common Council in testimony of their respect to the Memory of the deceased, will attend his funeral at the time abovementioned.

The Petition of William Mooney which at the last meeting of the

Board was referred to the Committee on Chamber Street was now directed to be referred to the Council of the Board.

[352] Ephraim Ginnings Superintendant of Lamps requested leave of absence for a few days, which was granted.

A Petition from Allan Clark for permission to erect a Lime House on Reed Street was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 5th Ward with authority to grant permission if in their opinion proper.

The Report of the Committee appointed to consider of the amendments necessary to be made to the Laws for the suppression of Vice and Immorality, was called up and having been debated by Paragraphs was agreed to; and the same Committee and the Council of the Board were directed to prepare a Memorial to the Legislature and a Bill corresponding therewith to be enacted into a Law, & to Report the same at the next meeting of the Board.

The same Committee and the City Inspector were directed to make the necessary Extracts from the Laws as mentioned in said Report, for publication.

The Report of the Committee as agreed to was Ordered to be filed.

(For the Report at length see the following pages.)

On motion of Aldn Buckmaster, the name of East Rutgers Street was changed to Rutgers Street, and the Superintendant of Repairs was directed to make the necessary alterations in the direction-boards of the Street.

[353] Resolved that the Council of the Board be authorized to employ a person to make Report to him of the arrival of Coasting Vessels and to allow to such person a Salary not exceeding Fifty Dollars Per annum.

Adjourned.

Report of the Committee for suppressing Immorality.

The Committee appointed to consider and report if any and what means may be devised to carry into effect the Provisions of the Act entitled "An Act for suppressing Immorality" and the Ordinance of this Board for the due observance of the Lords Day: and also more effectually to suppress the pernicious practices of Gaming and Drunkenness, beg leave to Report in part,

That they have taken into consideration the importance of the subject referred to them, & endeavored to take a view of the various evil practices most prevalent in our City, with their vicious and destructive consequences which altho' deprecated by a great majority of the Citizens are rapidly encreasing to an alarming degree, whereby Public

sensibility is called into action, while public Justice requires that every rational preventive should be faithfully applied.

[354] Your Committee will not pretend to bring before the Board the long and offensive catalogue of abounding immoralities, which seem to bid defiance to the Laws of Society; founded on the precepts of Revelation, but point out some which are not ordinarily checked by bringing the Offenders to answer for them in our Courts of Justice. Among the most prevalent on the Lords Day called Sunday, are Grocery and Fruit Stores, Public Gardens and Taverns, throughout the City and County kept open for the reception of Company and Customers; Hackney Coaches, & other carriages; and Horse riding for pleasure, Barbers Shops open, marketing for Fish and Meat, Skating Ball playing, and other plays by Boys and Men, and even Horse-racing. To which may be added the Droves of Youth who on that day resort to the outskirts of the City, and commit depredations on the property & too frequently insult the persons of the Inhabitants. The direct tendency of these evils is so obvious to every observer that the bare mention of them is sufficient to excite a general desire that they might if possible be effectually suppressed.

The sad effects resulting from the buying & selling of small meat, fish, & groceries, on Sunday have induced your Committee to examine the specious pretexts made by some for following the practice, while others pursue [355] it because they have got into the habit, and would cheerfully acquiesce in their discontinuance. Those who attempt to palliate their conduct, state that they are laboring men, and cannot get pay for their Weeks work until late on Saturday night, and therefore they are under the necessity of procuring on Sunday articles of necessity for their families. It is true that this custom of paying late on Saturday night does prevail much to the injury of many who wish to be with their families, but it is a fact well known that many when paid loiter away their time at a Grocery or tavern to a late hour, and then go home in a State of intoxication and on Sunday morning go out in pursuit of the same kind of Company and similar gratifications, whereby the Groceries & taverns become the Nurseries of Drunkenness and profanity; while the anxious wife and hungry children are looking in vain for the return of an improvident husband and thoughtless father, who under pretence of promoting their good, is rapidly pursuing his own and their pecuniary and moral destruction; these facts will appear the more striking when it is stated that Grocers, particularly near the Markets, have acknowledged they

retail more liquor on Sunday than during the whole week beside. It cannot be doubted that every sober and prudent man can supply his family as well on Saturday night as on Sunday morning.

[356] The practice of selling Groceries on Sunday is also attended with manifest injustice to those who refuse to follow it inasmuch as they soon lose their most profitable customers and hence they are persecuted for their morality, while the transgressors of the law are rewarded for their iniquity.

Equally immoral and unjust is the practice of those Grocers, who on Sundays buy from on board the Market Boats the produce of the Country to the exclusion of those who respect the laws, and in obedience to the divine command "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

It is cause of extreme regret, that the Counting houses and Offices of many of our fellow Citizens produce on Sunday the sad effects of declining virtue, but that an Editor and his Patrons can be found hardy enough to print and support a Sunday Newspaper, is a reflexion, at which the mind of morality cannot but recoil.

Your Committee have but a limited knowledge of the real state of gambling and drunkenness now prevalent in *in* this City, but of their fatal effects on Society, there can be no diversity of opinion, when it is known that among the higher circles are to be found those who can lament the loss (at the fascinating and deceptive game of Brag) of from one to thirty thousand Dollars at one sitting, while many of the humble poor who to imitate as much as possible the example of what they deem the accomplished Gentleman will sacrifice at a Raffle the small pittance obtained for [357] a days labor, and thereby leave their helpless children in a State of Starvation. Should it be deemed necessary to substantiate these facts, the present state of the Alms House, and the calls for charity, will of themselves be sufficient proof that such practices do prevail.

The detestable practice of Cockfighting and other cruelties to the animals of creation are so demoralizing that it is a matter of surprize to know that they exist in a Christian Community; and ought in the estimation of your Committee to call forth the Strong arm of Government for their total suppression.

The fashionable rage for Shuffle boards & Billiards and the foul means often used to procure money to support it are evils of great magnitude, which with the vast number of Brothels, and houses of Seduction now kept up in this City are alarming symptoms of the destruction of youth these and the facility with which children learn

to use the most odious imprecations and obscene language are deplorable facts, eminently calculated to draw forth the united exertions of the prudent Parent and faithful Magistrate to interpose their power, and example to correct those prominent and destructive vices; under a full conviction that righteousness exalteth a nation, but that Sin is a reproach to any People.

Your Committee would be wanting in their duty by omitting to mention to the Board the encouragement to thefts given by many of the Pawn brokers in this City. [358] these while they afford the facility of obtaining money for Goods by all descriptions of Venders are the direct Instruments by which children and servants are led on by degrees to repeated acts of dishonesty in families & thereby are fitted for crimes of greater enormity.

The prevalence of this evil is so general that public opinion has long since pronounced it a crime indictable by the Grand Jury and of sufficient magnitude for Legislative prohibition.

Under these views your Committee would be happy could they point to suitable means to repress the numerous evils, but they are not so enthusiastic as to believe it within the reach of this Board, or any other Human power to eradicate the vices which usually prevail in populous and commercial Cities, they are however well persuaded that by an united, firm & persevering determination in the magistracy of this City to enforce the Laws, a radical change may be effected, Whereby the Moral and pecuniary interests of a large portion of the Community will be greatly promoted and therefore with becoming deference propose the following arrangements Viz

1st That three thousand Copies of Extracts from the "Act for suppressing immorality" the "Act to regulate Inns and Taverns" and the "Ordinance for the due observance of the Lords day" be printed and furnished to each Retail Grocer Tavern Keeper, Livery Stable Keeper, and Barber in this [359] City and County subjoined with a request from this Board that they conform thereto, and a Notice that the Laws will be rigidly enforced against all such as shall hereafter transgress in the premises.

Second. That the Aldermen and Assistants respectively with Constables or Marshals frequently go through such parts of their Wards on Sunday as may be practicable and order the Stores &c to be shut and otherwise enforce the Laws against those who may be found to violate them.

Third That the "Act for suppressing Immorality be so amended by the Legislature as to authorize any magistrate on the refusal of any

Offender to give up his name and place of abode, or in case of not being satisfied that they are correctly given to commit such offender to the Bridewell, or secure him in any Watch House till the next day, when the penalty shall be exacted or the person stand committed until he obtains security to abide the result of his trial. And that all Instruments used in Sports or Plays on Sunday be seized and sold for the benefit of the Poor in this City.

F[ourth] That each member on obtaining information of any violation of the Sunday Laws Report the same without delay to the Attorney of the Board with the names of such persons as appear to him likely to prove the facts.

Fifth That an Act be passed to authorize any Alderman or Assistant to enter any Tavern with or without Constables [360] Marshals, or Watchmen at any time when they shall suspect that there are persons therein other than the family or boarders and on finding in use any Instruments of Gaming to seize and carry the same away, and enforce the laws against the Offenders

Sixth That an application be made to the Legislature so to amend the Act for the suppressing Immorality as that the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty may have power to regulate or prevent the selling of small Meat and Fish on Sunday or to repeal so much of that Act as respects that subject, and to substitute confinement in Bridewell to that of being put in the Stocks, and also to provide against the evasions of the Act regulating Inns and Taverns and for the suppression of all gambling houses and places.

Seventh That the Ministers of the different Churches in this City be respectfully requested as far as they may approve of the measure to impress on the minds of their respective congregations the necessity and propriety of discountenancing the practice of buying Groceries and other articles on the Sabbath.

Eighth That it be recommended to the Mayor of this City to attach to each Tavern Licence hereafter to be granted so much of the Act for regulating Inns and Taverns as prohibits Gaming and to make it a Condition that if they violate the same they will forfeit their Licence.

[361] Ninth That it be recommended to Mechanics and others employing workmen to pay them on friday or as early on Saturday as may be practicable.

Tenth That it be recommended to all Magistrates & Grand Jurors to pay particular attention to the evils arising from Brothels, Houses of Seduction, & other disorderly houses

Eleventh That the Citizens in general be earnestly requested to lend their aid in suppressing Vice and immorality and to restrain their children and Servants from the violations of the Sabbath

Twelfth That the Members of this Board meet statedly on the first Monday of every month to concert measures to carry the Laws into operation.

The Committee with pleasure announce to the Board that as far as they know the Public sentiment on the subject before them the well disposed Citizens are very solicitous to see a reform. This strengthened by the prevailing disposition of the Common Council to remove from our City the reproaches of vice, has encouraged your Committee to hope, that United and laudable exertions will not be in vain. All which is respectfully submitted

Peter H. Wendover
Richard Cunningham
Josiah Hedden.

Feb^{y} 17. 1812. (S^{d}]

[362] In Common Council March 23^{d} 1812.

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck Esq^{r} Recorder, President.

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	August. H. Lawrence	Assistants.
Charles Dickinson		Elisha W. King	
Richard Cunningham		Josiah Hedden	
John Morss		Michael M. Titus	
George Buckmaster		W^{m} J. Waldron	
Peter H. Wendover		W^{m} A. Hardenbrook	
John Pell		John Drake	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & approved.

The proceedings of the former meetings of the Board held with closed doors on the 9th 16th & 18th instant, were on motion Ordered to be read, were approved & directed to be entered on the Minutes.

An account of Aaron Lyon for work done for accommodation of the Steam Boat under direction of the Finance Committee was presented amounting to D^{rs} 339:70 and referred to Alderman Buckmaster & the Comptroller.

The City Inspector presented drafts of Ordinances for [363] correction of nuisances from N^{o} 378 to 380 inclusive which were passed.

Petitions from Alexander J. Cartright & from Vose & Lightbourn praying remission of penalties incurred under the law regulating the lying of Vessels in the Public Slips, were read and referred to the Council of the Board with authority to remit the penalties or such part thereof as in his opinion proper.

The Petition of Ernest Keyser for a Butchers Licence & for Stall N° 47 Hudson Market was read & referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition from Lott & Troup for permission to place building materials, and to erect a Lime house at Old Slip was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the first Ward with authority to grant permission if in their opinion proper.

A Petition of Leonard Fisher praying for payment of Ground taken for opening Collect Street was read and referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner.

The Petition of Peter Fenton for the Water Lot in front of his property between Canal & Watts Street [364] and fronting on Greenwich Street was read and referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner.

A communication from Jonas Humbert on the subject of regulations respecting the Assize of Bread, and of the Bakers was read and referred to Alderm[n] Dickinson Morss Mesier & the Chamberlain

A Petition of the French Committee of Benevolence praying pecuniary assistance was read & referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition of Thomas Duggan praying payment of Interest on his Bonds was read & laid on the table.

A Communication of the Hon[ble] Samuel L. Mitchell to the Recorder stating to him, that from the present aspect of Public affairs he felt it his duty to urge the propriety of placing the City in a state of Defence, was read & ordered to be referred to the Committee of Defence.

A Petition of James Vincent to purchase a House at the Corner of Harrison & Washington Street taken for*

[365] The following Leases for ground sold for payment of Assessment upon said Lots were presented by the Street Commissioner & were directed to be duly executed & delivered

N° 517. part of Bayard East Farm on the Westerly side of Mulberry Street to Hallamus C. Van Houten & Peter C. Van Houten for two years from Febr[y] 25[th] 1812.

1738. To the same persons, being part of Delanceys farm on the South West corner of Stanton & Norfolk Streets for Twenty years from the said date.

1747. To the same persons, being part of Delanceys Farm situated on the South East corner of Suffolk & Stanton Streets for Twenty years from said date.

* Statement incomplete; see P. 98 for action on petition.—ED.

421. To James Paul, being part of Delanceys farm situated on the Westerly side of Second Street for thirteen years from said 25th Febr 1812.

422. To John Ludlam being part of Delanceys farm situate on the Westerly side of Second Street for the term of thirteen years from the same date.

639. To John Simonson, being part of Bayards East farm on the Westerly side of Orange Street for the term of four years from said 25 February 1812.

650. To Jacob Halsey part of Bayards East farm situated on the Southerly side of Grand street for the term of four years from said date.

[366] An Account of Isaac A. Van Hook late Attorney, for services rendered, was presented & referred to the Comptroller.

On motion Resolved that the following be a Committee to examine, audit, and finally settle all accounts and demands whatsoever between I. A. Van Hook late Attorney and this Corporation Viz Mr Hawes Mr Hedden The Comptroller.

The Committee on the Petition of Robert Charnley for an advance of money on his contract for regulating Willett Street presented the following report

"That they have viewed the Street and are of opinion that he has received payment in full proportion to the Work done, and therefore think it would be improper to pay any more money until the work shall have further progressed. Which is respectfully submitted

John Pell
John Drake
Saml Stilwell Stt Comssr

The Committee on the remonstrance against the Assessment for filling in Peck Slip Reported.

"That it appears from the Return of the Assessors for filling [367] in Peck Slip, that they have assessed the whole of the expence thereof upon the owners and occupants of Lots in its vicinity deemed to be benefitted thereby.

Your Committee find it expressly provided by Law that one third part of such expence shall be borne by the Corporation. And your Committee being of opinion that the said Assessment is otherwise just and equitable they respectfully recommend that one third part of the sum so assessed upon each person be deducted. And that the residue be forthwith collected. And in case any person so assessed shall have

paid according to the original Assessment, that the Collector by whom the same has been received shall out of the first monies by him to be collected on said assessment refund to every such person one third part of the amount thereof in each case respectively

All which is respectfully submitted

March 23. 1812.

E. W. King
Peter Hawes

Which was agreed to.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of farming out the City Manure Reported the following plan

1st That the City remain in Two Districts as now established.

2d That the Manure to be collected in each of the [368] said Districts be let to the highest bidder to be approved by the Common Council, but both Districts shall not be let to the same person.

3d That the Contractors shall respectively give security for the faithful performance of their duties, agreably to an Ordinance of the Common Council which shall be passed in relation thereto, and for the payment of money to be agreed upon

4. That the Contractors shall at their own expense cause the heads of Slips and Streets in front of Public Buildings and other Public Grounds in their respective Districts to be swept, and all filth rubbish, and sweepings which may be found in the Streets to be taken up and put on board of vessels, or to deposit it, at such place or places, as the Common Council shall for that purpose appoint within the City—And also to cause all filth and rubbish to be removed from the Public Markets within their respective districts every Sunday before Nine O'Clock in the morning.

5th That the Contractors shall in like manner employ a sufficient number of Bell-Carts which shall pass through the Streets of this City within the limits of their respective Districts at least once a day (Sundays excepted) between the first day of June and the first day of November, the drivers of which shall give notice of their approach by ringing a bell [369] at proper intervals, and shall receive all shells filth garbage and other offensive substances which may be delivered at their Carts.

6th In addition to such Penalties as the Common Council shall impose upon the Contractors, that for each neglect in the performance of their duties respectively a consideration shall be inserted in the Contract that the same not be binding upon the Corporation, any longer than such contractor shall well and faithfully & diligently perform the same on his part.

And your Committee respectfully recommend that an Ordinance be passed embracing the principles of this plan and that the Comptroller be directed forthwith to advertize for proposals and that in such advertisement he briefly state the duties which will be required of the Contractors.

All which is respectfully submitted

E. W. King
March 23d 1812 (Sd) Wm J. Waldron
Saml Stilwell St Comsr
G. N. Bleecker Comptr

On the Question of agreeing to said Report a Division having been called it was carried in the Affirmative as follows

Aldn Dickinson, Cunningham Morss, Wendover Messrs Lawrence, King, Titus Waldron, Drake. 9

Negative Aldn Buckmaster, Pell Mr Hedden, Hardenbrook 4

[370] The Comptroller was then directed to advertize for the Contracts, and the Council of the Board was directed to report an Ordinance agreably to said Report.

The Council of the Board Reported on the cases of Captains Green, Moore, Williams and Mayo as follows That "he has no doubt but that these Captains have incurred the penalty of the Law through ignorance or misconception of the law, he therefore respectfully suggests the propriety of remitting these penalties upon the usual terms.

All which is respectfully submitted

March 23d 1812 (Sd) D. S. Jones

which was agreed to upon their reporting and giving Bonds when required agreably to law.

The Finance Committee presented the following Report which was agreed to.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Street Commissioner and Comptroller on the 16th inst with power to consider and report what part of the Corporation property should be sold, the time when and the terms upon which it should be disposed of, respectfully recommend the following Resolutions

1st That the several Offices attached to the Corporation be removed to the New City Hall in the first Week of April next.

[371] 2d That the Sale of the property should be at Auction at the Old City Hall on Wednesday the 15th day of April at 12 O'Clock.

3d That the following property should be sold in fee—The Old City Hall, the lots on which it stands, and those adjacent.

The Lot of ground, Corner of Pearl & State Streets
Two Lots at Peck Slip
The Collect Lots.
The Lots at Brooklyn to be sold on the premises at a future day.

Respectfully Submitted by

A. H. Lawrence } Finance
John Drake } Committee

A motion was then made that the Building of the Old City Hall be sold upon condition that it shall be delivered to the purchaser on the first day of May next and that he cause the same to be removed on or the first day of July next—On the Question of agreeing to the same

A motion was then made that the Lots at the Old City Hall be sold on condition that possession should be delivered to the purchasers on the first day of July next—On the Question of agreeing to the same a Division having been called it was carried in the Affirmative as follows.

[372] Affirmative Ald[n] Dickinson, Cunningham, Morss, Buckmaster, Wendover, Pell, Mess[rs] Lawrence, Hedden, Waldron, Hardenbrook. Drake 11

Negative. Mess[rs] King Titus 2

It was then Ordered that the property be sold under the direction of the Finance Committee, the Comptroller & the Street Commissioner. And

The Attorney of the Board was directed to draw the Conditions of sioner—And

It was further directed that the Committee, should in the Conditions of Sale of the Old City Hall make a reservation of such parts of the Building as in their opinion would be useful in the Buildings now erecting by the Corporation and which might be reserved without injury to the Sale and disposal of said property.

The following Report was presented by M[r] Lawrence as Chairman of the Committee of Finance, and was agreed to.

"Whereas it is expedient for the Corporation as well to be relieved from the Collection of a number of small Water-lot-rents, which is attended with much difficulty, from the division of property contained in Grants among several individuals, as well as to raise a fund that may be advantageously disposed of for the public Interest, that a commutation should [373] be proposed to those concerned; And as it appears that from 26[th] July 1734 to the 1[st] January 1803, there were 216 Grants issued amounting to $2271.10

Therefore Resolved that the Common Council will commute the Rents of the Grants made within the above period on the payment of a sum of money into the Treasury which will make the Rents equal to

Per Cent of the money so paid.

Provided that the whole amount to be paid on each Grant so to be commuted shall be settled by the proprietor or proprietors previously to the cancelling such Grant, & also that all back Rents be paid up to the time of settlement.

Resolved that the money received into the Treasury from the aforesaid Grants, be kept distinct from all other payments, and subject to the future disposition of the Board

Resolved that the Comptroller cause Public notice to be given in the Newspapers employed by this Board, of the above propositions for the space of Six months, once in each week, and that the time limited for the acceptance thereof be till the 24th day of March 1813.

A. H. Lawrence
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

The Council of the Board from the Committee appointed for the purposes of drafting a Memorial to the Legislature for an amendment of the Law for suppressing Vice & [374] & Immorality, for power to regulate Hackney Coaches &c, &c, presented the following Memorial which having been read in the words following, was agreed to,

To the Honorable the Legislature of the People of the State of New York represented in Senate & Assembly,

The Memorial of the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened.

Respectfully Represents

That your Memorialists are desirous to restrain the purchase and Sale of all articles and commodities in the City of New York on Sundays and to restrain all unlawful exercises and pastimes on that day and to impose heavier penalties than those which are contained in the Act of the Legislature entitled "an Act for suppressing Immorality" but are apprehensive that it may be doubted whether the Common Council have authority to make such Ordinances as they deem adviseable, inasmuch as that Act permits the Sale of certain articles, and imposes penalties for breaches of the said Law; Your Memorialists are also desirous to be invested with power to make such Ordinances as they deem necessary to prohibit and suppress all

gaming houses, and places for gaming in the said City and to regulate the Butchers in the said City, and to prohibit and restrain all persons except licensed Butchers from carrying on the business of a Butcher in the said City [375] And also to regulate Hackney Coaches and require the Owners of them to have a licence from the Mayor of the said City—And to be permitted to ask demand and receive certain fees upon granting such licences, and upon granting licences to Pawn brokers and Dealers in second hand furniture, metals, & Cloths,

Your Memorialists are also desirous that the Aldermen, Assistant Aldermen & Justices of the Peace of the said City may be invested with power to commit such persons as may be found fishing, sporting, horse-racing, gaming, or engaged in any unlawful exercises or pastimes on Sunday and who shall refuse to give a satisfactory account of their names and places of abode, to the Bridewell or Watch House and to cause such persons to be detained there until they give satisfactory evidence of their names and places of abode, to the end that Suits may be instituted against them to recover the fines and Penalties incurred by such persons.

And that authority be given to the said Aldermen, Assistants, and Justices of the Peace to seize all Instruments used in sports or plays on Sunday—And all Billiard Tables, other gaming tables, Shuffle boards, or other instruments of gaming that may at any time be found in Taverns in the said City, and deliver them to the Commissioners of the Alms House who are to sell such parts thereof as may be useful & proper to be sold & to use the residue thereof as fuel.

[376] Your Memorialists beg leave to represent to your Honorable Body that they are of opinion that it would tend much to restrain drunkenness, gaming, and other dissolute conduct of persons guilty thereof and wasting & squandering their Estates thereby, [if they] should be prohibited from making Contracts, and should be divested of their Estates during the time that they pursue such practices, Your Memorialists therefore are desirous that your Honorable Body may assist them in the Experiment by passing a Law in that behalf which they have caused to be prepared.

Your Memorialists further represent to your Honorable Body that the number of Poor children under the care of the Commissioners of the Alms House & Bridewell of the City of New York is and hath heretofore been so great that the said Commissioners have not been and are not able to bind the whole of them as Apprentices or Servants in the City and County of New York, and that they have therefore

occasionally bound out some of them in other parts of this State and in the States of New Jersey & Connecticut. Your Memorialists therefore pray that your Honorable Body will be pleased to confirm the same, and to permit the Commissioners hereafter to bind the said poor children to persons residing in any part of this State or in the States of New Jersey or Connecticut.

[377] Your Memorialists also desire that the expense of making Public Wells and Pumps in the City of New York be estimated and assessed upon the owners or occupants of the Houses and lots intended to be benefitted thereby and may be collected in the same manner that Assessments of other public Works in the said City are collected.

Your Memorialists have accordingly caused a Bill containing the above provisions to be drafted which Bill is herewith laid before your Honorable Body and which your Memorialists pray may be enacted into a Law at the present Session of the Legislature.

And your Memorialists as in duty bound

The Council presented the draft of a Bill to be enacted into a Law corresponding with the prayer of the said Memorial, which was read by paragraphs & agreed to upon filling up the blank as to the sum which the proprietors of Hackney Coaches should pay for a Licence to run the same it was moved that the sum of Five Dollars be inserted, a division having been called thereon by M^{r} Hardenbrook it was carried in the Affirmative—as follows.

Ald^{n} Dickinson, Cunningham Morss, Wendover, Mess^{s} Lawrence, King, Titus, Waldron

Negative. Ald^{n} Buckmaster M^{r} Hedden Hardenbrook. 8 to 4 [3].

[378] The remaining blanks were then filled and the Clerk of the Common Council was directed to engross the Memorial and Bill, to cause the Common Seal to be affixed to the said Memorial and to forward them to his honor the Mayor now at Albany to be presented to the Hon^{ble} the Legislature at their present Session.

A Letter from Alderman Douglass now attending the House of Assembly as a Representative from the City of New York to M^{r} Hawes was read which stated that an application was now before the Legislature for a Bridge from Devoe's point in West Chester to Bussings point on Manhattan Island, which he considered materially affecting the Interest of the Corporation & requesting to be informed of the sentiments of the Common Council on the subject was directed to be referred to the Committee on Surveys.

An application from the Manhattan Company for the loan of one of the Fire Engines for a short time was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department with authority to grant the application if in their opinion proper.

Resolved, that it be referred to the Committee on the Fire Department to consider and report a suitable place whereto to remove the Fire Engine House now placed near the Old City Hall.

[379] Resolved that it be referred to the Watch Committee to consider of the propriety of removing the Watch of the First District from the House at present occupied by them, & if such removal is judged proper that the Committee also consider and Report a suitable place to which they may be removed.

Resolved that the Attorney of the Board be authorized to enter an appearance from this Corporation in the Court of Chancery at the suit of Jacob Delamontagnie upon a Bill for foreclosing a Mortgage given by Sam[l] L. Page Jun[r] to said Delamontagnie.

Resolved that the Attorney of the Board be authorized to commence on behalf of this Corporation an amicable suit, to try the question whether the Tenants of this Corporation who have been assessed for the expences for opening Chamber Street have a right to be exempted from the payment of the same.

The Comptroller Reported Cash in Treasury		7591. 1
Warrants not presented		107.19
		7483.82

Whereupon Resolved that his Honór the Recorder issue his Warrants to pay as follows.

[380] John N. Weathershire on Account of Award for property taken to open Chamber Street		4071.87
Robert Bogardus Attorney for Abraham K. Beekman balance for opening Elm Street		797.
Abraham Stagg balce on paving Second Strt		202.34
Charles Mooney balce on Mulberry Stt	129.23	
On Acct of Hester St	31.33	160.56
Hugh Smith & James Kelly balance for paving Grand Street		150.80
Richard Furman Supdt Alms House		1000.
Do do Treasr New Alms Ho: bale		1000.
		7382.57

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MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

MARCH 30, 1812 TO SEPTEMBER 28, 1812

[1] In Common Council March 30th 1812.

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr Recorder President.

Peter Mesier Richard Cunningham John Morss George Buckmaster Peter H. Wendover Nicholas Fish John Pell	Aldermen	Peter Hawes Augustine H. Lawrence Elisha W. King Josiah Hedden Michael M. Titus William J. Waldron William A. Hardenbrook John Drake	Assistants

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 381. to N° 386. which were passed.

A Petition of sundry inhabitants praying that Fourth Street between Division and Pump Streets may be paved was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A petition of Leah Day praying to be relieved from Payment of Rent and assessment upon lot corner of Chatham & Duane St. the dwelling house upon which was destroyed by fire was referred to the Comee on Charity an[d] ye Comptr

[2] A Petition from sundry persons to be established as a Fire Engine Company and be attached to N° 39 was read and referred to the Committee on Fire Departmt and Chief Engineer.

A Petition of Edward Hurbert for remission of penalty for not Reporting passengers was read & referred to the Attorney of the Board with authority to remit if in his opinion proper.

A Petition from sundry inhabitants praying that Hester Street should be regulated and paved from Broadway to Rynders Street, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

Petitions from Andrew Otterson for appointment as Street Inspector were read, and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of William Whitlock praying payment of Interest of a bond given to Grove Wright, was read and referred to the Comptroller with directions to report a Warrant for payment of such sums of interest as are due.

The Attorney of the Corporation Reported "that Captn Dayton, Wing, Disbrow, and Bird have recently in [3] incurred penalties for not reporting their passengers & giving bonds for them agreably to

law, he is satisfied that the penalties have been incurred thro' ignorance or misconception of the law, and as they are all disposed to do what that law requires he submits to the Common Council the propriety of remitting the penalties upon the usual terms"

March 30th 1812 sd D. S. Jones"

which being read was agreed to & penalties remitted upon reporting according to Law and giving Bonds when required.

A Letter from James Homer Maxwell stating that he was now proprietor of ground opposite to Horns Hook formerly owned by Jacob Lewis which was contracted for by the Corporation and which he was willing to dispose of on the said terms, was referred to the Ferry Committee and Mr Lawrence.

A Petition of Sundry persons that the fees of the public Guagers may be regulated was read & referred to Messrs Drake Waldron Titus & Council of ye Board

[4] A Petition of Edward Vermilyea to be appointed an Overseer of Roads was read and referred to the Committee on Roads.

An account of John R. Leacraft for costs due him as a Marshall on suits commenced by I. A. Van Hook former Attorney of the Board, was presented and referred to the Council of the Board.

A Petition of Thomas Ammerman for appointment of Wood Inspector, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Henry Thorne to be relieved from a penalty and a Judgement entered thereon for non-obedience to an Ordinance respecting emptying a privy was read, and thereupon

Resolved that the Attorney be authorized to enter satisfaction upon the judgement on Defendants paying all costs thereon.

A Petition of Stephen Gould, stating that he has for a long time kept a large Book Store and a collection of Law Books in the vicinity of the Old-City-Hall—that understanding the Courts are shortly to be removed to the New-City-Hall, he prayed that a Room might [5] be assigned to him in the New City Hall, where he would keep his Book Store and would accommodate the Judges and the Gentlemen of the Bar, with the loan, in Term time, of his Law books;

Ordered that the same be referred to the Building Committee and the Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants & Proprietors of ground praying that on removal of the Old City Hall & upon the Sale of the same and the grounds adjacent thereto, that Nassau Street may be widened on the East by extending a line North, along & in a line with, the fence of the New Dutch Cemetry until it intersects Nassau Street

north of Liberty Street, was read, whereupon Resolved that the same be referred to Ald[n] Mesier Wendover Morss with authority to have the necessary Surveys made.

A Petition from Fire Engine Company N° 12. praying that a New Engine House may be erected on the site of the present one, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants praying that the name of Bedlow Street may be changed to Bancker Street [6] was read and granted. And the Superintendant of Repairs was directed to make the necessary alterations in the Direction boards in said Street.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

Fire Engine Company N° 3

Otis Billings Cartman N° 19 Henry St[t] v. Mic[l] Emanuel res[d]

N° 11.

Stephen Segoine Grocer N° 59 Whitehall St[t] 1[st] W.
v. Rich[d] Morris res[d]

Benj[n] Lowerre Carpenter 17 Bridge St[t] 1 W. v. W[m] Britten "

Ephraim Johnson Grocer 53 Whitehall St. 1 W.
v. Step. Minard "

Floating Engine (Roosevelt Street Slip)

Alex[r] Thompson Grocer N. 61 Cherry St[t]
4[th] W. v Joseph Clemont res[d]

John Culbert Taylor N° 336 Water S[t]
" " " John Bogart dec[d]

Willam Stevens Bookbinder 39 Roosevelt St " Daniel Cook res[d]

A further remonstrance against the Assessment for filling up Peck Slip was read & referred to M[r] King Hawes Hedden

A Communication from Waters Furman Superintendant of Streets requesting that his year might be considered as ending on 13[th] April which was agreably to the time of [7] his appointment and suggesting the propriety of making arrangements for the disposal of the tools of the public in his possession, was read and laid on the table.

Alderman Mesier from the Committee to whom was referred the application of sundry persons for the purchase of a part of the property lately sold by Richard Varick to this Corporation, Reported

"That your Committee are offered for the land lying under the Water and bounded on Washington Street on the East Dey Street on the South, West Street on the West, & Partition Street on the

North Thirty Thousand Dollars. Ten Thousand Dollars to be paid in Sixty days, when the Deed is to be delivered, and an approved security to be given for the residue payable in twelve months thereafter with interest—The purchasers to build the bulkhead for West Street.

Your Committee without expressing any opinion as to the above proposition, think proper at the same time to state, that in their opinion it would be inexpedient to make any disposition by sale of any part of this ground until the contemplated Market and other improvements in that quarter of the City are erected, but that the gentlemen who made the above proposition are in the opinion of your Committee entitled to a preference whenever there exists in this Board a disposition to dispose of said property or any part thereof

Peter Mesier
March 30. 1812 P. H. Wendover
John Morss

Which was agreed to.

[8] A Communication from John Baker on the subject of cleaning the Streets was read and laid on the table

The Council of the Board agreably to direction presented an Ordinance respecting the farming out the Street Manure of the City entitled " A Law for the removal of the filth and dirt from the Streets of the City of New York and for other purposes, which having been read by paragraphs was agreed to and passed

It was further Resolved that the Contractors under the Ordinance give two sufficient sureties in double the amount of the Contract and payable in six, nine, and twelve months.

Resolved that the subject of the claim of Peter H. Schenck to the ground lately occupied by the Oswego Market and the Alley adjoining thereto and the claims of this Corporation to the same be referred to the decision of Arbitrators—and that the Committee heretofore appointed on that subject be authorized to appoint an Arbitrator on the part of this Board, and to manage and conduct this by employing Council or otherwise as they shall judge proper.

A request of Isaac Cock to be permitted to transfer the lease of two lots at Peck Slip to John Park, was referred to the Comptroller.

[9] A request from B. Ferris Sheriff of the City, that an additional Watchman might be stationed at the Goal, was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner advertize for proposals to paint the fence and pave the Streets around Chatham Street Park.

Ordered that a Warrant issue to B. Skaats for One Hundred Dollars for the purchase of fuel for use of the Offices in New City Hall.

Ordered, that the Report of the Committee to whom was referred the amendments of the law for suppressing Vice & Immorality be printed in the Newspapers employed by the Corporation.

Alderman Wendover presented the following Resolutions, which were agreed to

Resolved that the Reverend the Clergy of this City, be respectfully requested, as far as this measure may coincide with their sentiments, to inculcate on their hearers, the propriety and public importance of desisting from and discountenancing the practise of purchasing and selling groceries or other articles on the first day of the Week, called Sunday—And also to solicit parents and others to use their influence in suppressing and opposing the prevailing vices of the day.

[10] Resolved that the Clerk of this Board furnish each settled Minister in this City and County, with a copy of the foregoing Resolution.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to cause all trees and posts standing in any side walk in this City which are not placed conformably to Law to be forthwith removed.

The Comptroller reported Cash in Treasury	8367.42
Warrants not presented	107.19
	$8260.23

Accounts Audited.

Lawrence & Van Wart Watch	596.75
Farrington & White do	621.25
Goodheart & Hays do	523.25
Angevine & Hedden do	339.50
James Hardie Asst City Inspr 1 Mo	62.50
Wm P. Roome Keeper of Pottersfield do	46.50
Henry Brush repairing Pumps 7 & 10 Wards	81.81
Jas Richardson cleaning Wells do	27.74
John N. Weathershire balce for ground & buildings to open Chamber Street	2500.
Leonard Fisher balce for ground & buildings to open Collect Street	2101.52
Archd Smyth balce repaving Pearl Stt	204.34
Jacob P. Roome Superdt Repairs to pay Workmen &c	300.
John, H. Sickles Treasr New City Hall	850.
	$8255.13

[11] In Common Council April 6th 1812

Present The Hon^ble DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Pierre C. Van Wyck Esq^r Recorder

Peter Mesier		Samuel Jones Jun^r
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes
Charles Dickinson		Augustine H. Lawrence
Richard Cunningham		Elisha W. King
John Morss	Aldermen	Josiah Hedden — Assistants
Isaac S. Douglass		Michael M. Titus
George Buckmaster		William J. Waldron
Peter H. Wendover		William A. Hardenbrook
Nicholas Fish		John Drake
John Pell		George Wilson

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 5.

Elias Marsh Blacksmith N° 44 Gold St^r 2 W. v. John Stever res^d

Latham Holmes, Shoemaker 46 W^m Street 2 " " H. W. Peckwell res^d

A representation was received from the Foremen of the *dif* (12) different Fire Companies suggesting the propriety of authorizing the Chief Engineer to direct the necessary repairs to be made to the different Engines, as the delays occasioned by a previous application to the Common Council for such repairs were attended with inconvenience and injury

Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of John Hilt praying remission of a penalty incurred by baking bread of less weight than the Assize was read & referred to Francis Lynch one of the Inspectors of Bread.

The City Inspector presented drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 387 to N° 400 which were passed.

A Complaint of Thomas Lawrence that the Main Sewer in Pearl Street was obstructed which occasioned the overflowing of a private sewer leading from his premises was read and referred to the City Inspector.

A Petition from J & W. Sterling Owners of the Ship Protection praying remission of a penalty incurred by not reporting passengers was read & referred to the Attorney [13] of the Board with authority to remit if in his opinion proper.

A Petition of Robert R Thompson to be appointed Overseer of Convicts was read and referred to the Bellevue Committee.

Petitions of Philip Becanon & Casparus Romaine to be appointed Inspectors of Streets were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of Varick Street praying that said Street may be filled up from Hudson Square to the Canal and that bridges may be placed over the Canal was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition from George Lorillard was read stating that he held a Bond given by the Corporation to George Banvard for Five Hundred & twenty five Dollars with interest dated June 2d 1810, that he had been assessed for the opening of Chamber Street $550 & praying that the said Bond may be taken in payment of said Assessment & the balance paid to him, Ordered that the same be referred to the Comptroller.

A further Petition of sundry inhabitants praying for the establishment of an Engine in the vicinity of Broome Street, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

[14] A Petition of sundry inhabitants of the Village of Greenwich praying for the establishment of a Market at said place accompanied by a letter *for* [from] Garrit Gilbert dated April 6th 1812 offering to the Corporation for the purposes of a Market a lot of ground and the building thereon for the term of five years free from rent situated at the corner of Greenwich & Henry Strt the lot being 25 feet on Greenwich and 50 feet on Henry Street; was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of William Dudley praying time for payment of a sum assessed upon him for widening of Maiden lane was read, Whereupon Resolved that time be given him for payment of said Assessment until the first of June next.

A Petition of sundry Boatmen dealers in manure complaining of the conduct of Stephen Hitchcock while Superintendant of Streets and praying that he may not be again appointed to that office, was read.

An Application was received from the Medical Institution of the State of New York soliciting the use of one of the public Rooms in the Hall for the purpose of delivering therein a "funeral Eulogy" on their deceased [15] associate Dr Edward Miller—Whereupon Resolved that it be referred to the Judges of the Courts of Sessions to

grant the use of the Court Room at such time as to them shall be deemed advisable.

The Attorney on the cases of Capt[s] Grozart & Lines for not reporting their passengers at the Mayors office,

Reported "that he is satisfied that neither of these Captains intended to evade the Law and have incurred the penalty through misconception of its import

he therefore submits to the Common Council the propriety of remitting the Penalties upon the usual terms."

S[d] D. S. Jones."

Whereupon Resolved that the Penalties be remitted upon their reporting agreably to Law

In the case of John R Leaycraft the Council Reported. That the account of John R Leaycraft which at the last Meeting of the Common Council was referred to the Council of the Board, is for Marshals Fees upon Suits instituted by the late Attorney on behalf of the Corporation and if the services have been performed and the account is unpaid, I think the Corporation are bound to pay him the amount

S[ed] D S Jones.

[16] Whereupon Resolved that the account be referred to the Comptroller to liquidate

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances Reported, That, the within mentioned Laws have been revised and printed, and as they respectively bear date of this day they respectfully suggest the propriety of passing the same by their Titles. Nothing now remains to complete the Publication but the extracts of such Laws of the State as are intended to be comprised in it, and which will probably be done by the next regular Meeting of the Board.

Sign[d] Peter Hawes
E W King
J Hedden
Geo Wilson

Whereupon the following Laws were passed.

Titles of Laws.

Chapt[r] 22. A Law to regulate the measure of Coals.
~ 23. A Law to regulate the sale of Charcoal
~ 24 A Law to regulate the sale and cartage of Manure, sand and clay in the City of New York.

Chapt[r] 25 A Law to regulate the sale of Fire [17] wood, for the appointment of Inspectors thereof and for the division of the City into Inspection Districts.

~ 26 A Law to regulate the Fees of Weighmasters and Measurers.

~ 27. A Law directing monthly Reports from the Measurers of Grain. Lime, Charcoal Boards and Lumber, and Weighers of Hay and providing for annual Reports by the City Inspector of the amount and value of the various articles of consumption and commerce imported into and exported from this City.

~ 28. A Law for the regulating of public porters in the City of New York.

~ 29 A Law concerning Ferries.

~ 30. A Law to regulate the sale of Horses to prevent their running loose in the Streets and to prevent racing in the Streets or highways

~ 31 A Law relating to persons licenced by the Mayor to retail Spirituous Liquors

~ 32 A Law directing the uses of the public Seals of the City of New York.

~ 33. A Law to regulate the lying of Vessels at the Public Wharves and in the Slips and to establish the rates of Wharfage

~ 34. A Law to prevent the setting of Fences [18] or other obstructions in the Rivers within the limits and jurisdiction of this City

~ 35 A Law providing for the regulating of partition Fences and partition Walls for supporting ground in the City of New York.

~ 36. A Law for the establishment of signal Poles on Staten Island.

~ 37. A Law to regulate Carts & cartmen in the City of New York.

~ 38 A Law to regulate Surveyors

~ 39 A Law to regulate the compensation to Assessors for their services in making Assessments for regulating, paving and repairing Streets and other Places.

~ 40. A Law to regulate the admission of Freemen.

~ 41. A Law to regulate the landing & sale of Hay in the City of New York.

Chaptr 42 A Law to provide a compensation for the Aldermen who shall attend as Judges of the General Court of Sessions of the peace in & for the City & County of New York, and a compensation for the Assistant Clerk of the special Justices for preserving the peace in the said City.

~ 43. A Law to prevent the vending or exposing for sale, Tin Plate wares in any of the public [19] Streets or Slips in the City of New York.

~ 44 A Law respecting Swine.

~ 45 A Law concerning Dogs.

~ 46 A Law to regulate the public Markets in the City of New York.

~ 47. A Law to regulate the Market Fees in temporary Markets and for other purposes.

~ 48. A Law for the regulation of the City Prison and Bridewell and for the appointment of a Keeper thereof.

~ 49. A Law for the better regulation of the City Watch and for the division of the City into districts for that purpose.

~ 50. A Law for appointing Commissioners of the Alms House and Bridewell and for regulating and governing the same.

~ 51. A Law in relation to Slaves in the City of New York.

~ 52. A Law for the better recovery of fines penalties and forfeitures incurred by breaches of the Laws of the Corporation.

The Comptroller on the Petition of Isaac Cock for permission to transfer the Leases of Lot N° 4 and N° 5. Peck Slip to John Parks. Reported in favor of Petitioner. Which was agreed to.

[20] The Street Commissioner on the Petition for paving Hester Street. Reported, that only six out of twenty four of the Proprietors of Lots in said street had signed the Petition he therefore recommended that Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition. which was agreed to

The Street Commissioners on the Petition of James Vincent Reported.

That the Building in their opinion would be worth but little more than the expense of taking it down. And as Mr Vincent owns the other part of it, it is the opinion of the Street Commissioner & Comptroller, that it should be sold to him for the price he has offered which is twenty five Dollars.

Sgnd Saml Stilwell St. Comss
G N Bleecker Comptr

Which was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner reported a List of the Delinquents on the Assessment for opening Columbia St, whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued to the Collector for collecting the same.

[21] The Street Commissioner agreably to the Resolution of the Common Council presented an ordinance for building a Bulk Head across and filling in Courtlandt Street Slip. which was passed. and the Rule being dispensed with John Nitchie. Asa Holden John Brown James Johnson and George Ireland were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner on the Petition for paving Fourth Street. Reported an order for regulating and paving the same from Division to Pump Street. Which was passed. and the Rule being dispensed with. Ezekiel Bishop Soloman Wheeler Abraham Hart Stephen Kingsland and William Stilwell were appointed Assessors.

The Committee on the Fire Department upon the Petition of Gilbert B Mott and others to be formed into a Fire Engine Company. to be stationed near the Corporation Basin and to be attached to Engine N° 39. Reported.

That in their opinion it is proper to incorporate the said Firemen, and that they be attached to and have the charge of the Fire Engine above mentioned as soon as the same shall be completed

(S^{d}) Peter Hawes. Isaac S Douglass. Thos Franklin.

[22] Which was agreed to and the following persons were appointed Firemen

Gilbert B Mott. Ironmonger 48 Cedar S^{t} 3^{d} W^{d} Foreman
John M Read. Attorney. 36 Courtlandt 3^{d} W^{d} Asst D°
Thos N Stanford Bookseller. 81 Fair St. 2^{d} W^{d} Secretary
Jacob Stoutenburgh. Merch^{t} Greenwich & Liberty 3^{d} W^{d}
William M^{c}Kenny. Stone Cutter Courtlandt 62. 3^{d} W^{d}
Thomas W Hoyt Ship Chandler 173 Washington 3^{d} W^{d}
Nathaniel Merrit Accountant 48 Cedar S^{t} 3^{d} W^{d}
John Sutherland Builder 61 New St 1st W^{d}
Elkanah Talbot Mercht 35 Burling Slip. 2^{d} W^{d}
W^{m} B Read. Accountant 36 Courtlandt 3^{d} W^{d}
William Lacy Carpenter 32 Vesey St 3^{d} W^{d}
Peter Aymar. Grocer Courtlandt & Washington S^{t} 3^{d} W^{d}
Jediah Morris. Builder. 251 William S^{t} 4th W^{d}
Charles A Floyd. Student at Law. 150 Pearl St 1st W^{d}
W^{m} M^{c}Donald Taylor Washington S^{t} 3^{d} W^{d}
Uzziah Wenman. Salesman. 128 Front 2^{d} W^{d}
John Wilson Salesman 128 Front 2^{d} W^{d}

Wm Bull. Harness maker 74 Liberty 3d Wd
Andrew Wright Carpenter 29 Cedar. 3d Wd
John Dickson Builder 58 Barclay 3d Wd
John Tallman Cabnt Maker 80 Liberty 3d Wd
John E Marcellin Accountant Mechanic Hall 3d Wd
John Rogers Do 315 Washington 3d Wd.
Charles W Stonehouse Druggist Broadway 5th Wd

[23] Alderman Mesier from the Committee on the Petition for opening Nassau St presented the following Report

The Committee to whom the Petition of the Proprietors and occupants of the Houses and Lots in Nassau and the adjacent Streets for widening Nassau St Beg leave to Report.

That in their opinion every opportunity to improve the old part of the City ought to be embraced and, that whenever circumstances authorise an expectation that the Inhabitants are willing to contribute to the expence of widening or straightening Streets, this Board should by every means in their power facilitate the measure. The Application for widening Nassau Street presents in the opinion of your Committee a case of as much importance as can perhaps arise in relation to improving Streets. The present arrangement of that part of the Town is confined, inconvenient and dangerous, and as the Corporation when making a disposition of the ground on which the old City Hall stands can comparatively with little expense remove these difficulties and render this street both elegant and commodious. Your Committee feel it their Duty earnestly to [24] recommend the measure.

This Street when properly arranged will open from the Exchange Slip through the center of the Town and parrallel with Broad Way a spacious and elegant communication to the New City Hall. It is the only street which presents similar advantages, and if improved from time to time as circumstances warrant will for convenience be estimated among our principal streets.

In examining however the Map made in order to form a more correct opinion respecting the Plan of the Petitioners. Your Committee perceive that an improvement much more valuable and desirable than the one asked for may be made with very little additional Expense.

All the Lots on the Easterly side of Nassau Street between the City Hall and Liberty Street (excepting one) extend it will be perceived lengthwise along Nassau Street, and are only twenty two feet

wide. If therefore Six or ten feet be taken off from the width of these Lots, the remainder being too narrow and altogether insufficient [25] to build on will in a manner be useless; and the improvements also will thereby be as effectually destroyed as tho' they were entirely pulled down. The Expense consequently to the Inhabitants will not differ much whether the Street is widened twenty two feet so as to include the Lots alluded to or only a few feet, as petitioned for. And moreover this extensive improvement narrows the front on Wall Street of the Public Ground as advertised only sixteen feet. Your Committee feel persuaded that a more valuable improvement than the one contemplated cannot so conveniently or at so little expense be made in any part of the City: And therefore they are induced to recommend that Nassau Street be regulated as follows: Viz that it be widened twenty two feet on the Easterly side between Wall Street and Cedar St in such manner as that the Easterly side of Nassau Street be bounded by a line parrallel with the westerly side and parrallel with a Line lately fixed by the Corporation for the Westerly side of said Street where it enters Wall Street. But since a large peice of the Public Ground will be comprehended in the above arrangement for which no compensation can be expected, Your Committee beg to be understood as recommending [26] the measure on condition only that the Corporation be fully indemnified from every charge and expense whatever in relation to the same.

All which is respectfully submitted

Peter Mesier
P H Wendover
John Morss.

Alderman Fish presented the following addition and Proviso.

Provided the Individuals who propose to indemnify the Corporation from every part of the Assessment contemplated by the Report, will also agree to extinguish the claim to the ground and buildings at the East corner of Liberty Street and Nassau Street, and cause so much of the same to be thrown into the Street as will straighten the same on a Line with the Fence of the Church and that the said Committee be authorised to carry this arrangement into effect, and to Report their proceedings thereon as soon as may be. And that the Finance Committee be in their discretion authorised to postpone the Sale of the Ground whereon the said City Hall stands.

The Question being taken upon the Report [27] and the proviso, the same were agreed to.

Upon Motion the Room was cleared of spectators and the Doors Closed.

The Comptroller laid before the Board the several proposals which had been presented to him for farming the Street manure under the ordinance passed upon that subject which was opened and read.

It was then moved that the Board proceed to designate by Ballot the persons to whom the contracts should be given. which was agreed to.

Upon counting the Ballots it appeared that Charles Dobbs who had offered to give $2405. for the western District and John K Furman who had offered $1765 for the Eastern District were chosen by a very large majority and the Comptroller under the direction of the Committee of Finance was directed to cause the necessary contracts to be entered into, and they were also authorised to approve of the securities to be given by the said contractors

Resolved that the Lamp Committee be requested to enquire into the causes of the sinking of the Public Lamps and to cause [28] [the same] to be remedied

Alderman Morss presented the following Resolution. Resolved that the Street Commissioner cause the Ditch from Lespinard's meadows to Hudson River to be cleared out, and that the superintendant of Repairs be directed to have the Drain across enlarged to a capacity sufficient to carry off the water that runs into said meadows. which was agreed to

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	27.988.61
Warrants not presented	107.19
	27,881.42
Deduct Amt retained on Maiden Lane Assessment	8000.
	$19.881.42

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue his Warrants for payment of the following Sums.

Saml Stilwell St Comsr 1 Qr Saly 5 Inst	375.
R Graves Asst Do 1 Month 1 Inst	65.
Mott Hicks Do	52.
Adriam B Holmes Do Do	52.
B Skaats. to purchase Fuel N C Hall	100.
[29] Hardcastle & Vn Pelt. Printing 10 Jany to 16 March. 1812	47.75
Wm Pollock & H G Disbrow 17 Sunday 10 Wd	26.50
E Watkey 1 Box Candles for N C Hall	9.81

Wm Whitlock Intr on Bond to G Wright to 2d Inst	128.33
Saml Brower 1 Qr Subscrp to P Advertiser 5 Inst	18.75
Thos Clark 2d Inst filling Cortlandt Slip	344.25
E Bishop & others Assessing Sundry Sts	141.37
A K Beekman Overpaid by him Amity St Asst	93.79
Thos & George Lovett ballce on Delancy St	41. 2
Thos & George Lo[v]ett. additional work on Stanton St	35.
Adolphus Loss for Names & List of owners on Christopher Street	5.
John H Sickels Treasr N City Hall	4000.
Richard Furman Supt Alms House	5000.
Richard Furman Treasr New Alms House	2000.
	$12'535.57

[30] In Common Council. April 8th 1812.

Present The Honl De Witt Clinton Esqr Mayor Presdt
Pierre C Van Wyck Esqr Recorder.

Peter Mesier	Aldern	Samuel Jones Junr	Assistants
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes	
Charles Dickinson		Augustine H Lawrence	
Richard Cunningham		Elisha W King	
John Morss.		George Wilson	
Isaac S Douglass		Josiah Hedden	
George Buckmaster		Wm H Waldron	
Peter H Wendover		Wm A Hardenbrook	
Nicholas Fish.		John Drake.	

The Board met agreably to adjournment

The Comptroller presented two Leases of Lots at Peck Slip to John Parks which having been examined by the Attorney of the Board were ordered to be duly executed

A Petition of Archibald Ball for permission to place building materials [31] in front of Lots No 55 John Street and No 27 & 29. Broad Way upon which Buildings were to be erected, was read and granted.

This being the Period assigned by Law for the appointment of Inspectors for the ensuing Annual State Election the Board proceeded to chuse by Ballot the Inspectors of the several Wards when the following persons were chosen

First Ward	John Remsen Thomas Storm George Griffin
Second Ward	Joseph Warren Brackett Jacob Drake Robert Wardell

Third Ward	Joseph Strong Thomas W Gilbert Anthony L Underhill
Fourth Ward	Robert Bogardus Robert Brown Samuel Cowdrey
Fifth Ward	Henry Heiser Gideon Tucker Thomas Morris
Sixth Ward	William Wright Richard S Clark Stephen Burdett
[32] Seventh Ward	Charles Dickinson Beal N Lewis Abraham Dally
Eighth Ward	Edmund Kirby John Hopkins Arthur Burtis
Ninth Ward	Thomas Taylor John P Adriance Cornelius Harsin
Tenth Ward	Henry Pope Reuben Munson Ezekiel Bishop

A Petition of Edward Shells for appointment to some Office was read and Referred to the Committee of Applications.

A Petition of W^m^ Pulis for a Butchers Licence and a Stand in the Market. was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Complaint from sundry Inhabitants that a Number of unruly persons made a practise of assembling in the Park at Chatham Street and were generally of riotous behaviour to the great disturbance of the [33] neighbourhood, was read and referred to the Aldermen of the 4^th^ 6^th^ 7^th^ and 10^th^ Wards

A Resolution respecting duties to be enjoined upon the High Constable was presented and the consideration postponed.

Ordered that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favor of Albert Ogden & C^o^ for amount of the sale of Flour which was directed to be remitted by them

Resolved that the Committee on the petition for widening Nassau Street be requested to report on Monday next

M^r^ King presented the following resolution the consideration of which was postponed

Resolved that the Board appoint a superintendant Inspector of Streets for the Western and Eastern Districts of the City and that in the interim the Mud Machine be worked under the direction of the Street Committee

Resolved that the Street Law be published in the several Newspapers of this City.

[34] Resolved that the Street Committee be requested to sell to the Street Contractors the Tools and Implements belonging to this Corporation. in the possession of Messrs Hitchcock and Furman

[35] In Common Council April 13th 1812

present The Honl De Witt Clinton Esqr Mayor President
Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr Recorder.

Peter Mesier		Samuel Jones Junr
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes
Richard Cunningham		Augustine H Lawrence
John Morss.		Elisha W King
Isaac S Douglass	Aldermen	George Wilson
George Buckmaster		Josiah Hedden
Peter H Wendover		Michael M Titus
John Pell		William J Waldron
		William A Hardenbrook
		John Drake

Assistants.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Presentment of the grand Inquest of the City and County of New York representing the Road at Sandy Hill as a nuisance dangerous to the Inhabitants was read and referred to the road Committee.

[36] A Presentment also respecting a House corner of Rector and Lambert Street as a nuisance was read and referred to the City Inspector.

The City Inspector Report Drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from No 401 to No 410. which were passed.

The following Persons were appointed Firemen the Cheif Engineer certifying the vacancies. viz

Fire Engine No 15.

Joshua Dean. Shoemaker. No 4 Harman St 7 Wd Vc David Morgan Expd

Fire Engine No 37.

Wm Sherwood. Book Binder. 124 Division 10th Wd
Vc Jonas Chandler Resgd

James Wood. Cartman. orchard 10 Wd Ve Wm Garrison Resgd
Henry Sickles. Shoe maker. 7 Pump St 10th Wd
Ve James Gray Do
John Watson. Rope Maker. Orchard 10 Wd Ve Paul Shapter Do
Jacob Hick. Do Third St 10th Wd Ve Peter Bishop Do
Samuel Bell. Cartman. Fourth St 10 Wd Ve Mathew Vogel Do
John Eickell Shoemaker. 7 Pump St 10th Wd V Abel S Clapp Do
John A Martin. Butcher. Stanton St 10th Wd
V Henry Tripple Do
Jacob Westerfield Rope maker. Second St 10 Wd
V Samuel Huestis Do
John Miller Do 9 Jefferson St 7 Wd
V Adam Leech Do
Bishop Cornell Shoemaker Elisabeth St 8 Wd V J Wilkey Do
[37] Samuel Bell. Junr Rope Maker. Fourth St 10th Wd
V Richard Burgh Do
Benjamin Van Hise. Shoe maker. Essex St 10th Wd
V. Abijah Pearsall. Do
Joshua Van Cott. Cartman Fourth St 10 Wd
Vc Gordon Pearsall Do
Samuel Morrel Rope Maker. Third St 10th Wd Ve Wm Wayley. Expelled

A Petition from the Corporation of the Society of Teachers for the use of a Room in the New City Hall. for the purpose of their regular Meetings and for the examination of Scholars, was read,

whereupon Resolved, that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition.

Resignations from George Griffen as Inspector of the ensuing Election for the 1st Ward. Joseph Strong of the 3d, Ward. and John Adriance of the 9th Ward were read and accepted, and Thomas Bolton was appointed Inspector of the 1st Ward John Bogart of the 3d and Samuel Bradhurst of the 9th Ward in the place of those resigned.

A Resignation from Thomas W Gilbert was also received, but Not accepted.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants in the vicinity of Essex Street praying, a Watchman may be stationed in that Street was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

[38] A Petition from the Collectors of Taxes praying that the time for collecting and paying in the Taxes may for the reasons therein stated, be extended, was read

Whereupon Resolved. that the said Collectors have time for the payment of the Taxes into the City Treasury until the 4th day of July upon condition that their several securities continue their responsibility for the said Collectors for the faithful performance of their duties until and at that period.

Petitions from Wm Tredwell. Richard Hubbell Epinetus Cornwell. and Henry Shute for appointment of Street Inspectors were read and laid on the Table.

A Petition for a Pump near the corner of Charles and Greenwich Streets in the Eighth Ward, was read and granted unde[r] the regulations of the Board upon that subject and under direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward, and the Superintendant of Repairs

[39] A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of Pearl and State Streets praying that the Lot, corner of Pearl and State Street advertised to be sold on the 15 inst may be added to State Street and that the Sales may be postponed untill some arrangements might be made by the Inhabitants on the subject, was read. Whereupon Resolved. that the Sales of the Corporation Property advertised to be sold on the 15th inst be postponed for one week from that day.

A Petition of Casper Meyer for remission of a Penalty incurred under Sunday Laws was read, and referred to the Attorney of the Board with authority to remit the same if in his opinion proper.

A Petition of George Gilfort stating that an Assessment for the widening of Maiden Lane had been levied on the Lot occupied by him amounting to $658. which the owner of the Lot was bound to pay but which he refused to do and that the Collector threatened to collect the same from the personal property of Petitioner, and praying the interference of the Corporation. was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[40] A Petition from John Dixey stating that he had been called upon by the Collector of Taxes of the 4th Ward for $8.25/100 Tax upon Lots leased by Petitioner from the Corporation in November last free from all Taxes previously due and praying the interference of the Board.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition from David Mutray praying remission of a Judgment recovered against him for a breach of the Sunday Law, was read whereupon Resolved that the same be remitted upon his paying the sum of $5 and Costs.

A Further Petition of John Giles on the subject of a Fine incurred by him for not regestering a Dog, Stating that the Attorney to whom

his former Petition had been referred had directed the fine to be remitted to him, but that the Justice to whom the fine had been paid refused to pay the amount to him. stating he had claims against the Corporation. was read. whereupon

[41] Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant for the same recommended by the Attorney to be remitted to him.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Haerlem praying that a larger Engine might be loaned to them, was read, and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department. And the Chief Engineer was directed to report to this Board the number of Fire Engines laid up in ordinary their condition. their utensils and where the same are deposited.

A Petition from Abigail Vandewater praying for a Stall in Catharine Market lately occupied by her Husband John Vandewater.

A Petition from Lawrence Heyer praying permission to sell meat by the quarter in the lower Fly Market. and from Samuel Patterson for a stand in the said Market for sale of Fruit &c were read and referred to the Market Committee

A Letter from Anthony L Bleecker offering to cede in the 8th Ward known and distinguished as Bleecker Street extending from Broadway to [42] the Bowery Lane. In Trust that the same be left open as a Public Street, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

The following Report was received, from the Attorney of the Board.

The Attorney to the Corporation respectfully reports that during the last Week Penalties have been incurred by Captns Pike. Denison. Howard. Merry. & Tompkins for not reporting their Passengers at the Mayors Office. But that all of these Captains are ready to make the necessary Reports and give Bonds for such of their Passengers as are aliens. He believes that the Penalties have been incurred through ignorance or misconception of the Law, and therefore respectfully submits to the Common Council the propriety of remitting them upon the usual Terms.

Signed D S Jones.

which being read, was approved.

Mr Hawes from the Committee on the Fire Department to whom had been referred the Representation of the Foremen [43] of the several Fire Companies. Reported.

That in their opinion, according to the true construction of the Second Section of the Ordinance for preventing and extinguishing

Fires, a part of which is quoted in the annexed representation it is the duty of the Chief Engineer in all cases in which any of the Apparatus belonging to any of the Fire Engines, shall from age or accident, become unfit for use, and incapable of being mended to cause the same to be replaced with new. And that this applies as well to the case of the Hose or Leaders of any Engine, as to the Boxes. Pipes or any other part of the Apparatus of a Fire Engine. They therefore recommend that he be directed to take the same under his especial charge, and to cause the same to be repaired or replaced with new, whenever he shall think the public Interest may require it. They also further beg leave to recommend that the Chief Engineer be directed to cause the respective Fire Engines to be supplied with the necessary quantity of Fuel for warming the Engine Houses, and also with Oil for the Torches; and also with Lamps and Torches where necessary

[44] All which is respectfully submitted

Peter Hawes
Isaac S Douglass

Which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee reported that Contract had been made by Charles Dobbs as contractor for the Street Manure for the Western District and that he together with John Whipps and Alexander Fink Junr as his sureties had entered into a Bond to the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty for the faithful performance of the said contract and for the payment of the money agreed for which securities the Finance Committee deemed sufficient. Wherefore

Ordered. that the Contract be executed on the part of this Corporation.

The Finance Committee also Reported that John K Furman the Contractor for the Eastern District was desirous of assigning his contract to his Brother Waters Furman that he in the expectation that the Common Council would consent to the transfer had executed a Contract and had also [45] executed a Bond together with Jonas Mapes and Richard Furman as his sureties for the faithful performance of the said Contract and for the payment of the Money agreed for.

That the Finance Committee were satisfied with the sufficiency of the sureties offered by Waters Furman and recommended the transfer aforesaid.

Upon the Question of agreeing to the same a Division having been called by Mr Hawes it was carried in the Affirmative as follows

Affirmative

Alde[n] Mesier. Carpenter. Pell. Cunningham Moss. Douglass, Buckmaster. Mess[rs] Jones. Lawrence. Wilson Hedden. Titus Hardenbrook. Drake

Negative

Alder[n] Wendover. Mess[rs] Hawes. King. Waldron.

Whereupon. Ordered, that the Contract be executud on the Part of this Corporation.

Upon Motion Resolved that Persons be appointed, Superintendants of Streets for the Eastern and Western Districts to see that the Contractors in said Districts perform their parts of the Contracts and that the Ordinance [46] of the Corporation respecting the removal of filth from the Streets be complied with

And Resolved further that a Committee be appointed to report an Ordinance directing and defining the duties of said Superintendants

The Committee appointed were

M[r] King
Alderm Wendover
M[r] Hedden.

The Committee on the amendment of the Law for the suppressing of vice and Immorality presented a Report the consideration of which was postponed

The Resolution respecting the duties to be enjoined upon the high Constable was called up and the further consideration postponed.

The Committee upon Ferries presented a Report on the subject of the ground on Long Island opposite Horns Hook Ferry which was read and the consideration postponed.

[47] The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	27659.75
Warrants not Presented	107.19
	27.552.56
Deduct Amount retaind on Maiden Lane Assessment	10,000.
	17.552.56

Whereupon his Honor the Mayor was requested to issue his Warrants for the following Sums.

Lawrence & V[n] Wart. Watch	596.75
Farrington & White "	621.25
Goodheart & Hays. "	523.25
Angevine & Hedden "	339.50

Francis Lynch Inspr Bread 1 Qr 10 Inst. Balce	97.15
Wm M Summers " " 9th "	89.68
Ephraim Ginnings Supt Lamps 1 mo 11 Inst	537.76
John R Leacraft. Leader for Eng No 26	88.16
George Lorrillard. Prin & Int on Bond to D Banvard	593.60
Albert Ogden & Co half Amt Flour returned	262.50
Hyde de Neuville Award for ground to open Chamber St	1000.
Jas Cunningham bal regulating Goerk St	184.
George Gosman & J McComb ballc paving Wash St	46.22
J P Roome Sup Reprs to pay buildr & buy Lumber	1000.
John H Sickels Treasr N City Hall	4000.
Jacob Morton 1 Qr Salv City Inspr & Clerk to CC	437.50
	10417.32
Ballc in the Treasury	7135.24

[48] In Common Council April 20th 1812.

Present The Honl De Witt Clinton Mayor President
Pierre C Vn Wyck Esqr Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junr	Assistants
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes	
Charles Dickenson		Augustine H Lawrence	
Richard Cunningham		George Wilson	
John Moss		Josiah Hedden	
Isaac S Douglass		Michael M Titus	
George Buckmaster		Wm A Hardenbrook	
Peter H Wendover		John Drake	

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of David S Doughty for appointment of Measurer was read and granted

A Petition of Michael Dennison Lessee of Elgin Botanic Garden for permission to sell Plants shrubs and vegetables at the Fly Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

[49] A Resignation from Robert Wardell as Inspector of the 2d Ward and Samuel Bradhurst of the 9th Ward were read and accepted and Abraham Valentine was appointed for the 2d Ward and John Gelston for the 9th Ward in their places

The Chief Engineer agreably to the direction of the Board presented a Report on the subject of the Engines which are in ordinary. which was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Letter from Richard M Woodhull on the subject of Land oppo-

site Horns Hook Ferry owned by H Maxwell, was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of Joseph Blauvelt praying remission of Penalty for driving a cart without Licence. was read and referred to the Attorney of the Board for Statement of Facts

The City Inspector Reported Drafts of Ordinances for correction of Nuisances from N° 411 to 420 which were passed.

A Petition of Thomas McNiven for [50] Tavern Licence until the 1st of May gratis was read, and Resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A Representation from Leonard Bleecker and Charles Farquhar of the misconduct of one of the Watch of the 4th District, was read and referred to the Watch Committee

A Request of the Managers of the State Lottery for the use of the large Court Room in the New City Hall to draw the Lottery in, was read. whereupon. Resolved that Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition.

A Letter from Wm McCormick on the subject of the Sum due the Estate of Francis Lynch for ground taken to open Magazine Street, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Orange Webb on the subject of claim for Damages for opening Maiden Lane, was read and referred to the Street [51] Commissioner and Comptroller for Statement of Facts.

A Petition of Henry Bogardus praying remission of penalty under a Law of the Corporation respecting the removal of filth from the Streets, was read and referred to the attorney with authority to remit the same if in his opinion proper.

A Report from the Trustees of the African Free School, that they had received the Interest on the Monies granted by the Legislature and disposed of the same for the use of the School, which was ordered to be filed.

A Petition of John C Teale and others for a Lamp to be lighted on the West side of Chapple Street between Anthony and Leonard St the said John C Teale at his own expense to erect the same. was read, and ordered to be referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition from John McLeod one of the Executors of George J Warner Deceased to be permitted to reconvey to the Corporation a Lot at Inclenburgh purchased by said George [52] J Warner and to receive the bond of the Corporation for the amount paid therefor agreably to the settlement with the other purchasers of those Lots was read and referred to the Council of the Board

A Petition of James Langley stating that he is Lessee under the Corporation for Lot N° 47. Catharine Street, that at the Fire on the 19th May last his House standing thereon was destroyed, that, that circumstance had greatly embarrassed him, and praying that the Board would remit the rent now due thereon, or grant him a time for payment of the same. whch was read. and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Charity

A Petition of David Longworth praying a Room may be given to him in the New City Hall for the purpose of supplying the Courts and Offices with Books and Stationary was read and referred to the building Committee and the Committee on Laws and Ordinances

[53] The Petition for paving Hester Street, was again presented and referred to the Street Commissioner.

The Committee to whom was referred the account of Aaron Lyon. Reported. that They understand that it was stated by Mr Fulton to the Street Commissioner, that all he required of the Corporation, in order to accommodate the Ferry, was to have built a Bulkhead, and a Pier on the north side of Courtlandt Street so as to form a Slip of 70 feet wide. This he repeated several times. The subscribers cannot find that the Corporation gave any instructions to have the Ferry stairs built, and the account herewith presented is made out in the name of the steam Boat and Ferry Company Some of the charges in this Bill are very extravagant, and such as ought not to be admitted. From all these circumstances, the subscribers cannot find themselves justifiable in recommending the payment of this account by the Corporation

Signd G Buckmaster
G N Bleecker Comptr

which was agreed to.

[54] The Attorney of the Board on the subject of sundry Captains who had neglected to report Passengers reported as follows. That during the last week penalties have been incurred by Captns Thorp. Glesier. Mott & Goodsell for not reporting their Passengers at the Mayors Office. But that these Gentlemen declare themselves to have been ignorant of the necessity of making the Report, and are now disposed to comply with the Law. The Attorney therefore respectfully submits to the Common Council the propriety of remitting these penalties upon the usual Terms.

Signd D S Jones.

The Committee on the Petition of the French Committee of Charity Reported That through the politeness of Mr Anthony Blenon the

former Treasurer and Doctor Congnany President pro Tem[r] of the said Committee, Your Committee of Charity have obtained very satisfactory Information relative to the object. Resources and utility of this benevolent Institution [55] From their Statement it appears that the number of french paupers annually releived by this humane Institution averages about ninety, And that its charity is distributed only in Wood cloathing. Provisions and such other necessaries as occasion and the comforts of its dependants require. The Contributors to this laudable Society are almost exclusively French Gentlemen. and the zeal and activity which also characterises its officers and agents is truly commendable and highly merits encouragement. The amount of Money collected for these Six Years past averages some where about Eighteen hundred Dollars a Year. And with this small Fund they have maintained their Poor and so far releived the distress of all the French Emigrants, many of whom arrived under circumstances peculiarly afflicting, as to have removed entirely from our Alms House and streets objects of this description. Your Committee have moreover conferred with Richard Furman Esq[r] the Superintendant of the Alms House as to the merits of these applicants he is perfectly acquainted with the extent and utility of their charitable exertions and is fully persuaded that no men [56] are better capacitated or can be more deserving of aid in their benevolent design than the present Petitioners. and he also thinks that a sum deposited in their hands will from a thoughrough acquaintance with the objects of their care be productive of more good and afford more relief than if distributed by the regular Officers of our public Charity

Your Committee therefore recommend that the Superintendant of the Alms House be directed to present to the Treasurer of the French Committee the sum of Two hundred & twenty five Dollars to be by him appropriated to the object of their Institution.

all which is respectfully submitted

Michael M Titus
Peter Mesier
Thos Carpenter
John Drake
R Cunningham

Which was agreed to.

The Market Committee on the Petition of John Pulis Reported. That beleiving the said applicant W[m] Pulis sustains a [57] reputable character, and perceiving that the Widow of the late occupant of the

Stall applied for joins in the within recommendation, do therefore recommend that Stall N° 1 in the Fly Market be granted to William Pullis

all which is respectfully submitted

Peter Mesier
Sign[d] Josiah Hedden
A H Lawrence

The Market Committee on the Petition of Abigail Vandewater Reported. That. considering that the Corporation have lately by their decision in the case of the Widow of John Lovell settled the custom of granting to the Widows of Butchers who died poor leaving families, the Stall or Stands of their deceased Husbands for one year and finding that the within applicant is strictly and fully entitled to the charitable regulation then recognised, do therefore recommend that Abigail Vandewater Widow of John Vandewater have a Licence for the Stall of her said deceased Husband for one Year from the time of his decease

all which is respectfully submitted

S[gnd] Peter Mesier. Josiah Hedden. A H Lawrence.

[58] The Committee of Charity on the Petition of Leah Day, Reported. That they have had the same under consideration and from the information that they have received of the pecuniary circumstances of the Petitioner are of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioner ought not to be granted.

which is respectfully submitted

Michael M Titus
Peter Mesier
Thos Carpenter
John Drake
R Cunningham

which was agreed to.

The Committee on the Fire Department on the suggestion of the removal of the Engine at Haerlem to a more central situation Reported. That as the Engine was loaned to the Inhabitants of the Village of Haerlem for their accommodation they do not think it expedient for the Corporation to make any order on the subject as to what place in the said village the same shall be stationed on the suggestion [59] of an Individual

Peter Hawes
Signed. Isaac S Douglass
W[m] A. Hardenbrook

Which was approved.

The Committee on the Fire Department on the petition of Fire Engine Company N° 4 Reported. That from the Cheif Engineers Report, it appears that the Engine N° 4 to which the Petitioners are attached, has a chamber of 4½ Inches, and has sixteen Men. That she has now two hundred feet of Hose, or Leader, in good order. On comparing the same with other Engines of the same calibre, Your Committee are of opinion, that she has her full proportion of Hose, with others of like capacity; and therefore recommend that the prayer of the Petitioners ought not to be granted for the present.

Signed Peter Hawes
Isaac S Douglass
Wm A Hardenbrook

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on the Fire Department on the Petition of Fire Engine Company N 5. Reported [60] That in their opinion the prayer of the Petitioners is reasonable, and ought to be granted. And they recommend that the Superintendant of Repairs be directed to cause the same to be carried into effect

Signed Peter Hawes
Wm A Hardenbrook
Isaac S Douglass

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on the Fire Department on the subject of Fire Engine N° 18 standing at the head of Beekman Slip. Reported.

That in consequence of the lowness of the ground where the Engine House Stands, it is frequently surrounded with water, at high Tides, it is always so damp as materially to injure the Engine and Apparatus belonging to the same.

The Committee therefore recommend that the Street at the Head of Beekman Slip be regulated, and raised so as to carry off the water, and that the Engine House be raised so as to correspond with such regulations. And that as the Season is now suitable for it. The Street Commissioner [61] be directed to cause the necessary steps to be taken without delay.

All which is respectfully submitted

Signed Peter Hawes
Wm A Hardenbrook
Isaac S Douglass

Which was agreed to. And the Street Commissioner was directed to take the necessary measures agreably thereto.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Report on the subject of altering the Pavement at the Intersection of Chamber and Cross Streets.

. The Superintendant of the Manhattan Water Works has complained to the Street Commissioner that all the Water of both kennels of Chamber Street being turned into the Westerly Kennel of Cross St sometimes overflows the side Walk and does injury to the Water in the Wells. He therefore solicits the privilege of so, altering the Kennels at the intersections of Chamber and Cross Streets as to divide the Water. The Street Commissioner having viewed the place proposed to be altered and considered the subject, is of opinion [62] that leave should be given under the direction of the Street Commissioner provided that no part of the Expense be charged to this Corporation.

which is respectfully submitted

Signed Sam[l] Stilwell. S[t] Com[sr]

Which was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner on the cession of Bleecker Street Reported that he had examined the Map and Deed and saw no objection to the same.

Whereupon resolved that the same be accepted and that the Deed be filed in the Office of the Comptroller.

A Member stating that he had to propose business of a confidential nature the Doors were ordered to be closed

Closed Doors

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the City was read, stating. That they were informed that a Bill was now pending before Congress authorizing [62-A] the purchase of the ground whereon the old City Hall stands for the purpose of erecting thereon a Custom House, that deeming it of great public interest that the said ground should be appropriated to that use they respectfully solicited that the sale of the said ground might be postponed for a Fortnight and that in the interim a price might be fixed for said ground to be used for public purposes.

Whereupon

Resolved that the sales of the said ground be postponed for one fortnight from the 22[d] Inst and that a Committee be appointed to receive proposals of purchasors of the same

Committee appointed were Alde[r] Mesier M[r] Jones M[r] Lawrence

M[r] Jones then moved that the sales of the Lot at the corner of Pearl and State Street be also postponed the question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative

M[r] Jones then moved that the Board reconsider the vote just

[62-B] taken. The question being taken thereon and a Division having been called it passed in the Negative as follows

Negative 11.		Affirmative 5
Alderman Morss	Mr Lawrence	Alderman Mesier
" Douglass	" Hedden	" Carpenter
" Buckmaster	" Waldron	" Dickenson
" Wendover	" Hardenbrook	" Cunningham
Mr Hawes	" Drake	Mr Jones
" Wilson		

Alderman Mesier from the Committee on the petition for widening Nassau Street presented the following report

The Committee on the subject of widening Nassau Street beg leave to Report.

That they find a considerable difficulty will arrise from the condition [62-C] of indemnification as reported by your Committee and required by the Board The proprietors or rather those who will be assessed for the expense of the contemplated improvement feel no reluctance to contribute for the whole amount of the Charges, and if assessed on that p[r]inciple will not object to pay, and as only two or three persons most interested are willing to subscribe an Instrument of Indemnification they hope the Corporation will not insist on burthening them so disproportionably. They moreover state that in consequence of so much ground in the neighbourhood belonging to Religious Societies, the Assessment will be considerably encreased, and should the indemnification be superadded to those few only, who are willing to execute it their proportion of contribution would be oppressive and unjust.

Your Committee still are of opinion that every effort to effect the improvement on the plan reported should be made; and as there exists no [62-D] unwillingness to contribute by assessment for the whole amount of the expense, Your Committee conceive that the object of the Corporation may notwithstanding be substantially obtained. It does not appear that by the Law the Corporation are bound to pay for one third of the value of the Improvements. The proportion cannot exceed one third and may in the discretion of the Assessors be fixed at a small or nominal amount. The proprietors themselves are perfectly willing that a full representation of the liberallity of the Corporation should be made and agree that the contemplated cession of public ground should be considered as fully equivalent to the charge ordinarily imposed for improvements

When proper representations are made and all the circumstances fully explained, your committee feel persuaded no charge or Assessment ought to be brought against the Board and therefore recommend that the [62-E] condition providing for an Indemnification be withdrawn and that the Street be directed to be widened on the Plan proposed in the usual way. provided the cession intended shall be considered as the amount of the Corporations contribution

All which is respectfully submitted

Peter Mesier
(Signed) P H Wendover
John Morss.

Which Report was agreed to.

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[64] Doors opened.

A Petition of James Halliday praying payment of a Bond for ground taken to open Canal Street, was read and referred to the Comptroller.

The Comptroller on the Petition of John Dixey Reported the following Statement of facts.

The Petitioner represents that the Collector of the 4th Ward has demanded of him Taxes on the two Lots of Ground N° 102 & 103. Chatham Street, and which [were] leased to him by the Corporation. The rent commencing the First November last He requests "to be exonerated from the payment of said Tax, and that the Common Council will make such decission in the premises as their wisdom and justice may deem most proper." The two Lots of Ground above mentioned were leased to Lawrence Heyer the 1st May 1806 for 21 years. a considerable ballance being due for rent. The subscriber made a Report to the Board on this subject the 2d september [65] last, detailing the situation of Mr Heyer and suggesting the expediency of accepting his Lease, and selling the Lots at auction for the remainder of the term. This the Board approved of and directed the subscriber to settle with Mr Heyer, by accepting a transfer and surrender of his Lease and to dispose of the Lots at auction. They were accordingly leased on the 21st September to John Dixey, the rent to commence on the first of November following. On the 12th of September Lawrence Heyer reconveyed his Lease, to the Corporation, and his account was accordingly closed. The Assessment was made in the month of June last, and by the Assessors Book *Book* it appears that those Lots were rated in three parts. Viz Lawrence Heyer $1200. Isaac McMaston

$1200 Samuel Tooker $1200. amount of Tax on the whole $24.84 It was evidently impracticable to collect the Tax from these persons, as the Books were not out previous to the cancelling of L Heyers Lease. And as the Petitioners contract did not commence till the 1st of November it did not appear right to charge him with the Tax

The only question to be settled according [66] to the view which the subscriber has taken of the subject is. whether the Corporation is to pay the amount, or the Collector is to return it in the List of Insolvents.

respectfully submitted

G N Bleecker Compr

Whereupon ordered that the Comptroller report a Warrant for payment of the same amounting to $24.84/100

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	25.117.86
Warrants not presented	1063.19
	24.054.67
Deduct amount retained on Maiden Lane Assessnt	11500.
	12554.67

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrant for the following Accts

Wm Torrey former Chairman Lamp Comtee Ball his Acct	2367.60
G Gilbert for Ground & buildings to open Columbia St Ballc	875.
Thos Ludlow for Ground taken for Do "	828.30
Lewis Hartman & others Assrs for opng Chamber St	120.
John Giles Fine incurred, Dog Law. remitted 13th	20.
To pay Beverly Robinson Attorney for John R Robinson for a Judgment obtained against the Corporation on a Canal St Bond insured in the name of Jno R Johnston Ballc for Acc	2096.70
Richard Furman Supt Alms House	3500.

[67] In Common Council April 24 1812

Present. Pierre C Van Wyck Esq[r] Recorder President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jun[r]	Assistants
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes	
Richard Cunningham		Augustine H Lawrence	
John Morss		Elisha W King	
George Buckmaster		George Wilson	
Peter H *Waldron* [Wendover]		Josiah Hedden	
Nicholas Fish.		W[m] A Hardenbrook	
		John Drake	

The Recorder informed the Board that having received intelligence of the death of the Hon[l] George Clinton Vice President of the United States and presuming that the Common Council would be desirous that some public testimonial of respect should be paid to his memory he had called them together for the purpose of giving them an opportunity of taking measures therefor.

Whereupon the following recital and Resolution presented by M[r] Jones were [68] unanimously agreed to

Resolved unanimously

That they have received the information of the demise of that venerable Patriot with all the sensibility which a recollection of the eminent services he rendered to his Country, more especially during her struggle for Independance, naturally inspires; And while the Common Council sympathise with his friends and with the nation in the loss which has been sustained, they consider it due to the Character of the deceased and to the station which he filled, that a public testimonial should be given of the respect and esteem in which he was held by the Citizens of this part of his native State

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to devise and report a Plan for such public demonstration of regret and sorrow as in their opinion this late national bereavement requires

The Committee apointed were Aldermen. Fish. Mesier Mess[rs] Jones. Lawrence Wilson

[69] In Common Council April 27 1812

Present The Hon[l] De Witt Clinton Mayor President
Pierre C. Van Wyck Esq[r] Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	Samuel Jones Jun[r]
Thomas Carpenter	Peter Hawes.
Charles Dickenson	Augustine H Lawrence
Richard Cunningham	George Wilson
John Morss	Michael M Titus
Isaac S Douglass	W[m] A Hardenbrook
George Buckmaster	John Drake.
Peter H *Waldron* [Wendover]	
John Pell.	

A Resignation of Joseph Warren Brackett as Inspector of an Election of the 2[d] Ward. of Charles Dickinson of the 7[th] Ward on account of indisposition and of Abraham Dally of the 7[th] Ward on account of not being a freeholder were severally read and accepted, and John W Mulligan was appointed Inspector of the 2[d] Ward Benjamin J Knapp and W[m] B Crosby were appointed Inspectors of the *the 7* Ward in their places.

[70] A Petition of Sears Gantley praying for remission of Penalty for not Reporting Passengers in the Ship Gen[l] Hamilton was read and referred to the Attorney of the Board with authority to remit the same if in his opinion proper.

A Petition of William Grant praying that a mode may be addopted whereby he may be exempted from a Personal Tax from which he is exempted by Law he belonging to a uniform Corps of Riflemen Militia and for which he has been improperly assessed and also praying like exemption as agent for one John Smith who is a regularly enroled Musician and who has been Assessed.

Which was referred to the Council.

A Letter from the College of Physicians requesting the attendance of the Common Council at the Annual Medical Commencement to be held on Tuesday 5[th] of may next was read and accepted. They also requested the use of a Room in the Old City Hall to assemble in for the purpose of forming their Procession, which was granted.

[71] A Request from the Managers of the State Lottery for the use of a Room in the old City Hall to draw the Lottery in was read and the request granted until the Room should be wanted by the Purchasers of the Building.

A Petition of Beekman M Van Beuren Commissioner of Excise. stating that on the 17[th] May last while going to make a Deposit of

Money which he had received on the public account he was robbed of his Pocket Book containing $989. of Public Money. That he had offered a Reward for the discovery of the same but had received no intelligence thereof. That as his compensation for receiving the Public money was only $500. he considered it hard that he should be the looser of the whole sum and prayed relief.

Ordered that the same be referred to The Recorder Alde^{n} Mesier [&] M^{r} Lawrence.

A Petition of Soloman J Isaacs to be releived from a Penalty incurred by cantering his Horse in the Street was read. whereupon Resolved that [72] Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

A Petition of Peter P Van Zandt praying to be heard upon his claim by Council. Was read and referred to Alder^{n} Mesier Carpenter Cunningham

The City Inspector presented Drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N^{o} 421 to N^{o} 427, which were passed.

A Letter to His Honor the Mayor from Charles Gobert stating that he had invented machines for blowing up Ships of War, which he conceived would be useful in the Defence of this Harbour and praying a reference of the same to some Committee. Was read and referred to the Committee of Defence.

A Petition from Ezekiel Dodge to be appointed a Measurer of Grain. was read [73] and granted.

The Attorney of the Board to whom was referred the Petition of J Blauvelt presented a Report stating the facts of the case. Whereupon Resolved that the proportion of the Fine belonging to the Corporation be remitted upon payment of Costs

The Attorney of the Board. presented the following Report.

The attorney to the Corporation reports that he hath recently commenced Suits against Benjamin H Smith. Joshua Phillips. William Tyler. and Hezekiah Allen for the Penalties incurred by them respectively in consequence of their neglecting to Report the Passengers brought to this City in Vessels under their Command.

The Attorney beleives that in these cases the Penalties have been incurred through ignorance of the Law. and therefore respectfully submits to the Common Council the propriety of permitting him to discontinue the suits upon the usual Terms.

Signed D S Jones.

The Council, to whom was referred the Petition [74] of John M^cLeod Executor of George J Warner deceased Reported.

That the Common Council have uniformly required the persons entitled to the Inclenberg Lots to execute releases for such Lots before the repayment of the purchase Money. And altho the Executors in this case have executed a release for the Lot purchased by M^r Warner. yet upon examining the Will under which they act no sufficient power appears to be vested in them to authorise that release. The children of M^r Warner who are entitled to the property, subject to their Mothers right of Dower, are minors; and their Mother absent. So that no competent release can be given.

But as this money is much wanted for the maintenance and support of the Children, and as M^r George Warner the Father of the Testator offers to execute a Bond of indemnity to the Corporation in the premises the council to the Corporation submits to the Board the propriety of paying the Money to the Executors upon the execution of such Bond of indemnity

Signed D S Jones.

[75] which was agreed and the Comptroller was directed to issue a Bond upon the same terms as those granted to the other purchasers of the Inclenburgh Lots. upon a Bond of Indemnity being executed as stated in the Report and such as shall be approved by the Council of the Board

Francis Lynch Inspector of Bread to whom was referred the petition of John Hitt. Reported That on the 4 April in the line of his duty He called at the Bake house of J Hitt for the purpose of inspecting his Bread and found it not agreable to Law being compelled to seize the same, which he sent to the Alms House. At the same time your Inspector is of opinion that M^r Hitt had no intention to violate the Law of your honorable Board, and that he is a poor Man with a large Family of Children to support and the probability is that it has been thro' mistake as his character stands fair

All which is submitted

Signed. Francis Lynch

Whereupon Resolved that the Fine incurred be remitted.

The Street Commissioner presented the [76] following Report on the Buildings in Collumbia Street Chambers St and Maiden Lane.

The Street Commissioner begs leave to suggest whether it would not be expedient and proper to order the Buildings to be sold which

have been taken to open Collumbia Street and to widen Maiden Lane

which is respectfully submitted

Signed Saml Stilwell. St Comsr

Whereupon Resolved that the Buildings be sold under direction of the Street Commissioner and Comptroller.

The Street Commissioner and Attorney to whom was referred the Petition of William McCormick. beg leave to refer to a Report made on this subject by the Street Commissioner on the 18t Nov 1811. and approved of by the Board. And the attorney of the Board was directed to take legal Measures for the purpose of obtaining the said ground for the Street, but as nothing appears to have been done in the premises Your Committee are of opinion that the Council and Attorney of the Board be [77] directed without delay to proceed in a legal way to obtain the ground in question for the Street.

which is respectfully Submitted

Saml Stilwell St Comssr

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for paving Hester Street from Broad Way to Rynder which was passed.

Ordered. That the Comptroller Report at the next Meeting of the Board a Warrant in favor of John Randall Junr on account of surveys to be by him performed. for $500.

Ordered that the Finance Committee and Comptroller procure the necessary funds and make a tender agreably to Law to the owners of Ground taken to open Maiden Lane of such sums as have been awarded to them for the same.

Ordered that the Comptroller report at the next Meeting of the Board the facts and also his opinion on those facts as to the auditing of the account of Stephen Hitchcock [78] late superintendant of Streets.

Ordered that the Attorney of the Board be added to the Committee on the Petition of Orange Webb.

Ordered that the Council of the Board be requested to draft an ordinance on the subject of releif to Chimney Sweep Boys agreably to the Report of the Committee on that subject.

Ordered that the Letter of R M Woodhull presented on the 20th inst be referred to the Ferry Committee.

The Committee appointed to report a Plan for a public Testimonial of respect to the memory of the Hon George Clinton late Vice President of the United States. reported that in their opinion a funeral

Eulogy on the character of the deceased should form a part of the public Demonstrations on that occasion.

Whereupon it was resolved that the Hon[l] Governeur Morris be requested in [79] behalf of this Common Council to deliver an address commemorative of the virtues and Tallents of the Hon[l] George Clinton late Vice President of the United States and expressive of the regrets of the Community for the loss the public sustain in the death of that venerable and respectable patriot

The Comptroller Reported.

Cash in the Treasury	23.028.91
Warrants not presented	2025.
	21.003.91
Deduct Ass[t] on Maiden Lane Bal[c] retained	7168.58
	$13.835.33

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue his Warrants for the following Accounts

Lawrence & V[n] Wart Watch	596.75
Farrington & White	621.25
Goodheart & Hays	523.25
Angevine & Hedden	339.50
John R Leaycraft Costs Suits commenced under the former Attorney of the Board Ball[c]	55.96
Sam[l] T Randolph room hire for Grand Jury N[o] 1811. & april 1812	18.
G Gilbert Clerk. for recording 7 Deeds to Corp[n]	13.37
Jacob Smith Jun[r] repairing Engines approved by Chief Engineer	933.13
[80] David Stilwell repairing Pumps 4. 6 W[ds]	74.87
Oniel & Lee repairing Wells 3. 5. 6. 8. W[ds]	100.94
Abraham E Brower Ball[c] for ground & buildings taken to widen Maiden Lane	5031.42
John Hastings for Trees and Planting at Chatham Square Park	30.
Conrad Jordan moving & setting Lamp Posts from 4 Nov 1811. to 27 Inst	22.50
James Haliday P[r]incipal of Canal Street Bond	800.
Comstock & Sayer Oil furnished Lamp Committee on Acct	2893.45
John H Sickels Treas[r] N C Hall	2500.
	36254.19
Ballance	$81.14

In Common Council May 4 1812

A sufficient number not appearing to form a Quorum. Adjourned to meet tomorrow at the Alms House for the purpose of making the Quarterly visitation.

[81] In Common Council May 5 1812

Present The Hon[l] De Witt Clinton Mayor President

Peter Mesier Thomas Carpenter Richard Cunningham John Morss. Isaac S Douglass George Buckmaster Peter H Wendover John Pell.	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jun[r] Peter Hawes. Augustine H Lawrence Elisha W King. George Wilson Josiah Hedden William J Waldron W[m] A Hardenbrook John Drake	Assistants

This being the period for visiting the Alms House and Bridewell the Board proceeded to perform that duty after which the following business was transacted.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Letter from Col[n] Jonathan Williams Com[dt] of the United States Corps of Engineers stating that the United States were about purchasing [82] the S. E. Point of Corlears Hook for a Military scite and wishing to know if the Corporation would grant the right to the Ground under Water adjacent to the same, was read and referred to the Committee of Defence the Street Commissioner & Comptroller

A Letter from Ann Smyth Executrix of Jacob Wilkins on the subject of renting the Wharf. at Courtlandt S[t] Slip for the accomodation of the Steam Boat was read and referred to the former Committee on that subject

Viz. Steam Ferry Boat Committee

The City Inspector presented Drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances from N° 428 to N° 432. Which were passed.

The City Inspector presented a Report stating the offensive condition of First Street between Stanton and North Streets which was read and referred to the Street Commissioner with d[i]rections to [83] regulate the same forthwith

The City Inspector presented a statement representing the situation of certain sunken Lots in Spring Street which was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Memorial from Richard Varick and others requesting Nassau Street to be widened to 22 feet was read and laid on the Table for consideration.

A Petition of Lawrence Heyer to be appointed an Inspector of Bread, was received, and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Eliza Cunningham for a Tavern Licence gratis, was Read. Whereupon Resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw her Petition

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engn Comp No 5.

Peter Thompson. Mercht Chatham St 6 Wd vc A B Brower Resgd
Grover C Furman. Do 220 Front 2d Wd vc Jacob Scoffield Do
David Keys Cooper 51 Duane 5 Wd vc Joel Sayre Do

[84] Fire Eng Compy No 10.

Alexander Saunders. Mercht. Bowery. 10 Wd vc David Davis Resg

Benjamin Romaine Brick Layer Do 8th Wd
Nicholas Cromer Gardner Orchard St 10th Wd
John A Stansbury Carpenter Bowery 8th Wd

} These thre[e] persons are part of the Number granted by the Corporation in addition to their former Number

Fire Engine Company No 34.

Oliver Wells
Nathan Lyman
} Type Makers Greenwich St 8th Wd vc Saml Davis Joined another Compy
Herring St 8th Wd Vc Amasa Woodworth Resg
Julius White Do Greenwich St
v J G Demarest Do
John Ryder Carpenter Do & Hammond vc

Engn Compy No 13

Daniel Oakley. Mercht 109 William 2d Wd vc Barent Wycoff dead

Engn Compy No 14.

Job S Hendrix Cabnt Maker 42 Vesey St 3d Wd
vc John Deuval removed to N Jersey
Richard Duryee Carpenter Washington St 3d Wd
vc Mathew Vn orden Do

Engn Comp No 15

James Griffin Cartman Mott St 6 Wd vc Michael Baxter Expelled

Engn Comp N° 20

Henry Bunker Mercht 5 Carlisle St 1 Wd vc John M Read resd
William Cooper Cabnt Maker 233 Greenwich St 3 Wd
vc Wm McKenny Do
Peter Busler Brick Layer 6 Chapple St 3 Wd vc John Tallman Do

Engine Compy N° 23.

Henry Fountain Grocer Duane St 5 Wd vc John E Ruckel Do

Engine Comp N° 26.

John Buckley Ship Wright 104 Banker St 7 Wd vc Wm Lawrence removed in country
John Vorhees Do Do Do vc George Widdus gone to Sea

[85] Engine Compy N° 36.

Isaac Requa. Cartman Hudson St 8th Wd vc Zebulon Brinkerhoff Dead

Engine Compy N° 36 continued

Ezekiel Boardman. Carpenter Greenwich St 8th Wd
vc Saml Holmes resd
Wm McLain, Do Do 8th Wd
vc B McCormick Do

Engine Compy N° 30.

William Forshee Rope Maker Orchard St 10 Wd
Gideon Carstang
John Brewer Butcher. Bowery Lane 8th Wd
vc John Watson
Mathew Vanderhoff. Shoe maker Essex St 10th Wd
vc J Bencounten
} Joined another Company

The Committee on the subject of the controversy between the Corporation and Mr P H Schenck respecting the ground on which the Oswego Market stood and the Lots adjacent thereto. Reported that they had deemed it expedient to submit the same to arbitration; and Mr Schenck and themselves had mutually chosen as arbitrators, Cadwallader D Colden and Samuel Lawrence Counsellors at Law with power to them to chuse as Umpire in case of disagreement between them some person of the degree of Counsellor at Law; and they presented the Bond of Arbitraton to be executed on the part of the Corporation which had been examined by the Council of the Board.

Whereupon Resolved that the Clerk of the Common Council cause the same to be duly executed on the part of this Corporation.

[86] The Attorney of the Board presented the following Report.

That Penalties have been recently incurred by Captns Clap. Smith. Rowland Wroe and Batson for not reporting and giving Bonds for passengers brought to this City in Vessels commanded by them respectively. These persons declare themselves to have been ignorant of the necessity of making the Report; and as they are ready to comply with the Law, The Attorney submits to the Common Council the propriety of remitting the penalties and permitting him to discontinue the Suits on the usual Terms.

All which is respectfully Submitted

Signd D S Jones.

Which was agreed to and the Penalties remitted on Reports being made agreably to Law.

The Comptroller presented the following Communication.

As it is understood that the intended Act of the Legislature, to enable the Corporation to raise Money by Tax for the current Year has not been passed into a Law it is respectfully [87] suggested, whether it would not be proper, in order to prevent delay, that the assessors should be called together as usual, to make the necessary arrangements for the annual assessment.

Signed G N Bleecker Comptr

Whereupon Resolved that the Comptroller direct the assessors to proceed to make the Assessment.

The Comptroller agreably to order presented a Report on the subject of the auditing of the Account of J Hitchcock which was read and laid for consideration

The Council of the Board from the Committee on the Petition of Orange Webb Reported

"In relation to the claim of Orange Webb for compensation for the damages which he alledges he has sustained or will sustain by the widening of Maiden Lane, the council of the Corporation is of opinion. that if Mr Webb was at the time of issuing the precept for widening that street, entitled to an unexpired term in one of the Houses and Lots required to be taken for that purpose, his Estate or Interest should have been set forth in that precept and the Jury [88] should have enquired of and assessed his damages as well as those of the other parties in interest. And altho' from the circumstances of this case it is highly probable that the Damages which would have been awarded to him by the Jury would have been little more than nominal, it nevertheless follows if the above opinion be correct that the corpora-

tion have no right to take possession of the property in which Mr Webb is interested until his damages be ascertained in the manner prescribed by the act and paid or tendered to him. Under this view of the subject it is submitted to the common Council whether it would not be advisable to accede to the reference proposed by Mr Webb or to compromise with him if he should be disposed to enter into reasonable Terms

Signd D S Jones.

Which was accepted and the following Committee was appointed to treat with Mr Webb and in case of disagreing with him to refer the same to arbitration

Committee Mr Jones Mr Hawes Mr King

[89] The Committee on that subject, Reported an ordinance, respecting Inspectors of Streets which was read and the consideration postponed.

The Attorney of the Board presented a Deed from the Corporation to Samuel Gedney for Lot No 13 of Collect Lots, and to James Cornwall for Lot No 60 of Collect Lots. Which were ordered to be executed.

A Deed of Cession from A L Stewart and Wife to the Corporation for part of Varick Street was presented and referred to the Council & Street Commissioner

Resolved that Isaac Stoutenburgh be and he is hereby appointed Firewarden of the 3d Ward in the place of Wm A Van Wagenen removed from the Ward.

Resolved and it is hereby declared that the Building fronting the Park lately erected for that purpose by the Corporation shall be the City Hall of the City of New York and that this Resolution shall be deemed to take effect from the 4th Inst

[90] Resolved that the Contractors for Street Manure shall be entitled to receive the one half of the fine imposed by the ordinance upon persons removing the dirt from the Streets without their permission and also that they pay all costs in suits prosecuted by them in which they fail by nonsuit or otherwise.

Resolved that the Building of the Old City Hall and the Lots on which it stands and those adjacent thereto, be sold at public auction agreably to the Report of the Committee on that subject on Wednesday the 13th inst. unless previous to the next Meeting of the Board proposals shall be made to the Finance Committee for the purchase of

the same, which they are requested to report for the consideration of the Board.

Resolved that the superfluous Furniture of the old City Hall be sold at Auction under the direction of the Finance Committee

A Request of the Governor of the New [91] York Hospital for permission to place building materials in the Street for the purpose of raising the Walls of the Hospital Yard. was granted under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward.

Resolved that the Clerk of the Common Council be directed to write a respectful Letter to the Corporation of Trinity Church requesting permission of them to erect on the corner of Trinity Church Yard next to the House of Cornelius Ray Esq^{r} a Fire Engine House.

The Report of the Committee on Vice and Immorality presented on the 13th April was called up. The Chairman stated that the Committee proposed that the following address should precede the Extracts of the Laws ordered to be published

The Common Council cannot but view with solemn and deep regret, the vices now prevalent in this highly favored City. Vices many of which with their dreadful effects on society, are but partially known by the body of the Citizens, and against which the energies of virtue ought to be faithfully directed

[92] Desirous to make every effort in their power consistant with their Official connection with their fellow Citizens, as well as their common interests, in the welfare of the community. The Common Council earnestly request the friends of morality to pay due regard to the Laws as founded on the Divine precepts, for suppressing vice and immorality, and which laws are hereunto annexed.

Which having been considered was agreed and the Clerk of the Common Council was directed to cause the same to be published and prefixed to the said extracts of the Laws.

The Comptroller Reported,

Cash in the Treasury	23.421. 4
Warrants not presented	2177.32
	21243.72
Ground Sold 22^{d} & 23^{d} april payments made	7725.
	13.518.72
	7725.
	21243.72

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrants for payment of the following accounts

[93] Jas Hardie Ass City Inspr 1 mo Salv 1 Inst	62.50
R Graves Asst St Comsr Do "	65.
Mott Hicks Do Do "	52.
Adrian B Holmes Do Do "	52.
Wm P Roome Keeper Potters Field Do "	45.
P Burtsell Stationary. City Inspr Mayors Office and Corporation	151.79
Thos Hazard to pay Officers conveying Prisoners to Bridewell 6 mo 1 Inst	232.50
Wm Peters 12 Sundays. 4 Wd	18.
Amos Rooke Keeper Signal Poles. 1 Qr Salv 1 Inst	82.50
Henry Brush repairing Pumps 7 & 10 Wds	78. 3
Jas Richardson Cleaning Wells 1. 6 10 Wds	22.37
Jas Haliday Intst on Canal St Bond in full	107.33
John Randal Junr Act Surveys to be done	500.
Danl Mack Ballc for Ground. & Bu[i]lding taken for Maiden Lane	6161.
Henry Allen D D	4973.75
Catharine Hervey Do	3919.75
Abm Bininger Do	2439.83
Robert Manley Do	1967.50
Thos & Geo Lovett Acct Paving Broome St	200.
John White & others 1 Asst Widens Maiden Lane	100.
Patrick Kane paving Inters Burling Slip	6.72
John R Murray for compromise made with him by Comte relative to common Lands	306.72

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[95] In Common Council May 11th 1812.

Present. The Honble DeWitt Clinton Mayor President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junr	Assistants
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes	
Charles Dickinson		August. H. Lawrence	
Richard Cunningham		Elisha W. King	
John Morss		George Wilson	
Isaac S. Douglass		Josiah Hedden	
George Buckmaster		Michael M. Titus	
Peter H. Wendover		William J. Waldron	
Nicholas Fish		Wm A. Hardenbrook	
John Pell.		John Drake.	

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

An Application of Oliver Waldron to rent two fields on the middle road one lately possessed by Mr Leonard Bleecker, the other by Mr Henry Low, was read and referred to the Comptroller & Finance Committee, with authority to rent the same for one year for such sum as they should judge adviseable.

[96] An application of Ira Sturtevant to be appointed a Sealer of Weights & Measures was read and granted.

A Petition from William D Blackwell was received stating that he was owner of a Lot corner of Broadway & Hester Street, which lot had been regulated by Messrs Loss & Bridges City Surveyors, that he had built upon the same agreably to said regulation, that the owner of the adjacent Lot alledges that he has encroached upon his lot & demands that his building should be removed And he prays the directions of the Com: Council in the Premises.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of N. Prime & others praying that the side walks of Marketfield Street at the Battery may be paved was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the First Ward & St Commissr.

A Petition of Ernest Keyser for Stall No 16 Hudson Market was read & referred to the Market Committee who immediately reported in favor of the Petition as the present occupant Washington Varian had agreed to relinquish the same

[97] A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the tenth ward complaining of certain Nuisances in said Ward was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of that Ward & the City Inspector.

Petitions were received from Peter Wilt for Stand No 34 in Fly Market, from Thomas Walker for a Stand at Corlaers Hook Market, from Abraham Furman for permission to sell Country Produce in the Fly Market & from Thomas Place Junr & William Appleby to sell meat by the Quarter in Catharine Market, which were referred to the Market Committee.

A Letter from Archibald McIntyre Comptroller of the State addressed to Mr Fish Chamberlain of the City was read, stating, that by a Law of the year 1804 it is required that the aggregate amount of the valuation of the Real and Personal Estate of the several Wards &c of the City was to be ascertained by the Mayor Aldermen & Recorder of the City of New York & transmitted to him yearly, that he had not yet rec'd any such Certificate & requesting to be furnished with the same or at least with that of the last year

Ordered that the same be referred to the Comptroller.

The City Inspector presented drafts of Ordinances [98] for correction of Sundry Nuisances from No 433 to No 440 which were passed

A Petition of Peter H. Schenck praying that the Collection of the Assessment imposed on him for widening Maiden Lane might be deferred until his Claim upon the Common Council was adjusted, &

also praying that the Engine House near the Site of the Oswego Market may be removed as it stands on his ground & incommoded him in his buildings, was read

Whereupon Resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition.

A Memorial of Daniel Hawley stating that he had invented a highly useful Machine for the purposes of raising Water from Ponds Rivers &c[a] and praying pecuniary aid to enable him to construct models of the same was read & referred to Ald[n] Mesier, Buckmaster M[r] Titus & M[r] Wilson.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies Viz

[99] Fire Engine Company N° 1.

Jacob Hurley Blacksmith Varick S[t] 5 W. v. W[m] Ferguson resg[d]

N° 4.

Francis Peckwell Grocer N° 144 W[m] St[t] 2[d] W. v. Tho[s] Holmes res[d]
Geo: W. Somerendyck Merch[t] 20 Geo: St. 2[d] W. v. W[m] Pierce do

N° 6.

Oliver A White Acc[t] N° 20 Greenwich S[t] 4 W. v. A. Shotwell d°
John Lester do Harison St[t] 8[th] W. v. John Hazard d°
James Dunn Grocer Grand & Orange S[t] 6 W. v. W[m] Beach do

N° 7.

Jacob C Mott Morocco dresser 37 Frankfort S[t] 4[th] v. Jn° Cock d°

N° 11

Matthew Sharp Grocer Beaver St[t] 1 W. v. Arthur Berryhill d°

N° 18

Gerardus C. Langdon Grocer Beekman Slip 2[d] v J. Lockwood
Joseph Price Gun Smith 260 Water St 4[th] W. v Rob: Wardell F. W.
Epinetus W. Walmsley Clerk 68 Cherry St 4[th] W. v. J. J. Cromwell r[d]

N° 21

Walter Nexsen Merch[t] 38 Ann St. 2[d] W. v. Andrew Shaw res[d]
Brigham Howe Grocer Fair St[t] 2[d] W v. Henry Wallace "

N° 22

David Palmer Shipwright 53 Rutgers St[t] 7 W. v. W[m] Gerard

N° 28

Oliver Knapp Grocer 401 Broadway 5th W. v. And. Mecorus decd
Alexr C. Whiley Coachmaker 422 do 6 W. v George Hill resd
William Jones Slater Crosby Stt 6 W. v. Henry Hanson resd
[100] William Lyons Cartman 175 Bowery lane 10th W.
v. Peolet O[l]ney rd
John H Jobes Carpenter 98 Chaple Stt 5 W.
v. Alexander Oliver "
James Jackson Cabinet maker Spring Stt 8 W. v. Wm Jones do
Martin Silber Butcher Bowery 247—8th W. v. Lewis Jones do

N° 30.

Samuel Totten Cartman 2d Stt 10th W. v. John Ayres resd

N° 33.

Joseph Bedell Cartman Lewis Stt 10th W. v. A. Vanderbilt do
Stephen Minard Grocer Walnut Stt 7 W. v. Gerard J. Beekman "

N° 37.

William Butler Ropemaker 6th Stt 10 W. v. Saml Morrell "
William Garison do 3 Stt do Joshua Van Cott "
James Ownes Butcher do do John, A. Martin "

A Petition of Stephen Jumel for permission to erect a Lime House in Broadway Corner of Liberty Street for purposes of a house now erecting was granted under direction of the Alderman & Assistant of 3d Ward.

A request of Peter Lorillard for payment of the amount awarded him for ground taken to open Chamber Stt was read & referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of James G. Jones stating that some time in September last a woman of decent appearance [101] applied to Petitioner for a nights lodging alledging indisposition, that Petitioner granted it, that she was immediately taken very ill, that he then discovered she was the Widow of James Cheetham decd, that he applied to the Administrators of the Estate of Mr Cheetham to take charge of her, which they wholly refused to do, that petitioner expended considerable sums in her maintenance & for physicians and having no other resource applied to the Board for payment. Ordered that it be referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition of J. Van Wart for Tavern Licence gratis, was read & Resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition.

The Clerk of the Common Council informed the Board that he had agreably to their direction written to the Corporation of Trinity Church on the subject of a Site for an Engine House but had as yet received no answer.

A Petition of the owners of the Ship Almira praying a remission of Penalty incurred under the Ordinance regulating the lying of vessels in the Public Slips was read & referred to the Council with authority to remit if in his opinion proper.

[102] A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants praying that Bridge Street may be paved was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

The Attorney presented the following Report "That Captains Talbot & Evans have incurred penalties for not reporting their Passengers at the Mayors office, but that there is sufficient reason to believe that these penalties have been incurred in consequence of the Captains being unacquainted with the Law, And as they are ready to comply with the law he submits to the Common Council the propriety of remitting the Penalties upon the usual terms.

May 11, 1812 (S^{d}) D. S. Jones"

Which was agreed to & the Penalties remitted on reporting according to Law.

The Attorney on the Petition of William Grant and of John Smith presented to the Common Council on the 27 ult, stating that the former is a Rifleman in a regular organized Company in this City & that agreably to the Laws of this State his property to the amount of Five Hundred Dollars is exempt from taxation in the same manner as the property of Artillerymen is exempted but that the Assessors have refused to allow the abatement of tax to which he was entitled; [103] Reported as follows; "I have examined the Militia Law in reference to this case & do not find that the partial exemption from taxation to which the Artillerymen of this City are entitled has been extended to the Riflemen and of course the Assessors were correct in refusing to make the abatement required by the Petitioner.

The Assessors were also correct in taxing the property of John Smith (who is stated in said petition to be a regularly enrolled Musician in the Militia) inasmuch as there was no evidence of that circumstance before them. But as he does not reside in the City & probably has no personal property here the amount of his tax will be returned by the Collector among the uncollected taxes of this year & will be imposed upon the Ward with the other deficiencies in the next

assessment, before w^ch time M^r Smith or his Agent M^r Grant may procure proper evidence to satisfy the Assessors that he is a regular Musician within the meaning of the act; & upon the production of such evidence the Assessors must leave his property untaxed.

May 11, 1812 S^d D. S. Jones

Which was approved.

Upon the recommendation of the St. Commissioner William Stilwell & Nathaniel C. Hart were appointed Assessors on the Ordinance for repaving James' Street in place of Rob^t Coles & Abr^m Hart who decline serving.

[104] The Ordinance for regulating & paving Hester Str^t from Broadway to Rynder Street was called up & Ezekiel Bishop Stephen Kingsland, Solomon Wheeler William Stilwell & Nathaniel C. Hart were appointed Assessors.

A Communication from John N. Weathershire offering to sell to the Corporation a gore of land in Chamber Street adjoining the lot in possession of W^m Mooney was read & referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner.

The Council on behalf of the Committee to whom the subject had been referred presented an Ordinance entitled a Law to license & regulate Chimney Sweepers which having been read by paragraphs was agreed to & passed.

The Committee to whom was referred to devise & report a plan for suitable honors to be paid to the memory of George Clinton late Vice President of the United States Reported

That the Honorable Gouverneur Morris a Revolutionary character has been waited upon & will deliver a suitable funeral Oration on the occasion & your Committee beg leave to recommend Saturday next as the day on which the same shall be [105] delivered, & the following to be observed as the

Order of the Procession.

1—The Military Corps under Arms.
2—The Society of Cincinnati
3—Clergy of all denominations
4—Relations of the Deceased
5—The Corporation of the City
6—The Hon^ble Gouverneur Morris in his carriage.
7—The Governor of the State

8—The Chancellor of the State
9—The Judges of the Supreme Court
10—Members of Congress &
11—Civil Officers of the United States
12—Members of the State Legislature
13—Resident Agents of Foreign Powers
14—The President Provost & Professors of Col[a] College.
15—The Gentlemen of the Bar
16—The Students of Col[a] College in their gowns.
17—The Officers of the Army & Navy of the United States
18—Officers of the Militia not on duty
19—Wardens of the Port
20—Governors of the Hospital
21—Trustees of the Free School Society
22—Citizens in general.

The Procession will be formed in the Park at 9 O'Clock & proceed from thence down Beekman Street to [106] Pearl Street, thro' Pearl to Broad Street through Broad & Beaver St[ts] to Broadway & up Broadway to the Presbyterian Church in Wall Street.

Minute Guns to be fired & the Bells of the different Churches to be tolled during the Procession.

It is further recommended that the vessels in the *Vessels in the* Harbor wear their Flags at half-mast from sunrise to sun set.

It is also recommended that the Members of the Common Council wear a Crape around the left arm for the period of thirty days.

The Report having been read was agreed to unanimously. The Committee were Nicholas Fish Sam[l] Jones Jun[r] Geo. Wilson A. H. Laurence Peter Mesier.

The Committee to whom the Petition of Michael Wyms praying compensation for a dwelling house erected by him on a lot of ground at Inclenberg purchased of the Corporation & for other improvements made thereon Reported

"That from a Policy of Insurance against fire entered into between the petitioner & the Phœnix Insurance Company of New York dated the 27[th] March 1811, [107] the house appears to have been then valued at $1600, but from actual view & valuation of the improvements by the Committee they are unanimously of opinion that the sum of $750 would be a fair compensation for the same & do there-

fore recommend that the sum of $750, be allowed to the said Michael Wyms for his house & other improvements on said lot,

Which is respectfully submitted

Nich[s] Fish
May 11. 1812 A. H. Lawrence
Wm A. Hardenbrook

Which was agreed to & the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant in his favor for $750.

The Committee of Defence to whom the application of M[r] Charles Gobert respecting certain Machines invented by him & proposed as a defence for this Harbor, was referred Reported as follows

That in the opinion of your Committee nothing is more necessary or can be more desireable than a sufficient & secure defence for our harbor. And tho' they view this subject as properly transferred to the care & exclusive jurisdiction of the Government of the United States, still its importance is such as excites an anxious solicitude & disposes them to facilitate by suitable encouragement those calculations of scientific men which appear directed to this object. With these [108] sentiments your Committee have patiently listened to, & attentively reflected on, the explanation given them by M[r] Gobert of the construction of his Machines & of the principles on which they operate. And without expressing any opinion as to their practicability or efficacy or even pretending to have formed one, they have tho't proper as the matter is of great public interest to recommend that the sum of Two Hundred Dollars be appropriated for the purpose of enabling the Inventor to complete models of his Machines & thereby demonstrate the value & utility of his discovery by actual experiment

All which is Respectfully submitted

Nicholas Fish
Peter Mesier
May 11. 1812. (s[d]) Peter Hawes
John Morss
Samuel Jones Jun[r]

Which was agreed to & the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant in favor of Charles Gobert for $200.

The Report of the Committee on the duties required of & enjoined upon the High Constable was called up & the following Resolution was passed.

Resolved that it shall be the duty of the High Constable diligently

to observe, & prevent so far forth [109] as he is authorized by law, the violation of all laws of the State & Ordinances of the Common Council & particularly those which relate to the Sabbath. And the better to enable him to detect offenders he shall employ a sufficient number of Constables or Marshals to aid & assist him therein; And who shall on every Sabbath day frequent such parts of the City as the Alderman & Assistant of each respective Ward may from time to time direct And forthwith to report to the Attorney of the Board, the name & place of abode of every offender he may discover or be informed of with such Witnesses as he may know or believe likely to prove the truth of the accusation; And as a compensation in full for the services of the said High Constable and those he may employ as aforesaid he shall receive at the rate of $800 Per year to be paid out of the City Treasury in quarterly payments; And that neither the said High Constable nor any of the Peace officers employed by him shall be entitled to receive any portion of the penalties recovered in such cases.

Ordered that a Warrant issue in favor of the Treasurer of the New City Hall under direction of the Finance Committee for $8000 out of the first monies rec'd on account of the Sale of the Old City Hall.

Resolved that the following Committee Report a [110] Memorial & Bill to be presented to the Legislature authorizing the Corporation to raise money by creating a funded debt for the purpose of paying off the present demands against the Corporation & to provide for the future exigencies of this City

Council of the Board
The Comptroller
Mr Lawrence Chairman
Committee of Finance

Resolved that the Market Committee be requested to order that all offensive substances in & about the several Markets of the City to be removed.

Resolved that all former Members of the Common Council be entitled to a Seat within the Bar of the Com: Council Chamber excepting when the Board are setting with closed doors.

The Ordinance for appointing Street Inspectors was called up & being read, on the Question of agreeing to the first clause of the Ordinance the same passed in the Negative—Whereupon Mr Jones gave notice that he would move for a reconsideration of the same at the next meeting of Board.

Ordered that the Report of the Committee on the [111] purchase of ground opposite Horns Hook ferry be the order of the day at the next meeting of the Board.

A resignation of Jonathan Little as Assessor of the 3d Ward (on account of ill health) was received & the consideration postponed.

The Comptroller reported Cash in Treasury	16462.26
Warrants not presented	3949.75
	$12'512.51

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue his Warrants to pay the following a/cs

Lawrence & Van Wart Watch	581.
Farrington & White "	621.25
Goodheart & Hays "	544.25
Angevine & Hedden "	339.50
John Remsen & others Inspectors of April Election 1st Ward	24.
John Bogert & others 3d "	24.
Thomas Morris & others 5th "	24.
William Wright & others 6th "	24.
William B. Crosby & others 7th "	24.
Arthur Burtiss & others 8th "	24.
Thomas Taylor & others 9th "	24.
Ezekiel Bishop & others 10th "	24.
Peter Aymar City Collector to pay Clerks of Election 1. 2. 3. 4. 6. 7. 8. 9 & 1 in 10th Wards	136.
[112] Hardcastle & Van Pelt printing from April 4th to 9th instt	188.25
T. Darling & M. Cunningham 16 Sundays ea: 8 Ward	48.
J. Loofborrow attending Clock Rutgers Street 1 year	66.66
Joseph Curtis sundries for Mayors Office by Supt Reps	36.50
Simeon DeWitt a Map of the State 12 years since	10.
Ephraim Ginnings Supdt Lamps 1 Mo. to 11th inst	574.98
John P. Ritter, Interest on Bond 1 Year to 1st inst	161. 9
Oliver Waldron Overseer of Roads from 11th Decr 1811 to 1st May 1812	353.71
Thos & Geo: Lovett on acct Broome Street	300.
Nichs Van Antwerp 3 Casks Nails for Sup: Repairs	57.13
John McKie, timber for do	27.37
Peter & E. Dob repairing dock at Coenties Slip	512.95
John Randall Junr on a/c Surveys to be performed	600.
Richard Furman Supdt Alms House	3000.
Do Do for Orange Webb	150.
John H Sickels Treasr New City Hall	4000.
Drs	12'500.64
Balce	11.87

[113] In Common Council May 15th 1812

Present The Hon^ble DeWitt Clinton Mayor, President
Pierre C. Van Wyck Esq^r Recorder

Thomas Carpenter Charles Dickinson Richard Cunningham John Morss George Buckmaster Peter H. Wendover	Aldermen	Peter Hawes Augustine H. Lawrence George Wilson Josiah Hedden William J. Waldron William A. Hardenbrook John Drake	Assistants

The Committee appointed reported a Memorial & Bill on the subject of authorizing the Corporation to create a Funded debt for the purpose of paying the present debts of the Corporation & to provide for the future exigencies of the City *presented the same* which having been read, the further consideration thereof was postponed until Monday next when it was directed to be the order of the day.

The resignation of Jonathan Little as Assessor of the 3^d Ward (on account of ill health) was accepted & ordered that an Election be held in said Ward to fill said vacancy on tuesday the 25th inst. Poll to be held at N° 5 Courtlandt Street and that Anthony Post, John Dover, & Abraham E. Brown, be the Inspectors of said Election.

[114] In Common Council May 18th 1812

Present The Hon^ble DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Pierre C. Van Wyck Esq^r Recorder

Peter Mesier Thomas Carpenter Charles Dickinson Richard Cunningham John Morss George Buckmaster Peter H. Wendover Nicholas Fish.	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jun^r Peter Hawes Augustine H. Lawrence Elisha W. King George Wilson Michael M. Titus William J. Waldron William A Hardenbrook John Drake	Assistants

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

A Petition for a Watchman to be stationed at the corner of Sullivan & Spring Street was read & referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of Charles Gobert for the use of a room on the ground Story of the Hall for the construction of his Machines respecting Harbor defences was read & referred to the Building Committee with authority to grant the prayer if in their opinion proper.

[115] A Petition of John W. Innes a minor for a licence to drive a Cart was read and Resolved that petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition.

A Recommendation in behalf of John Rayner, for permission to sell meat by the Quarter in the lower Fly Market was read & referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Lewis Hanford for permission to erect a lime house in Orchard Street was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 10th Ward with authority to grant the same if in their opinion proper.

A Petition of James Robinson for an extension of time for payment of Assessment upon him for opening Chamber Street was read and Resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition.

A Remonstrance from Sundry auctioneers complaining that Wall Street in front of the Phœnix Coffee House was constantly encumbered by Cartmen so as to obstruct their business, was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 1st Ward.

The following persons were appointed Firemen [116] the Chief Engineer Certifying the vacancies

Hook & Ladder Company N° 2.

Daniel Bird House Carpenter N° 64 Harman St[t] 7 W. v Washington Rich res[d]

Fire Engine Company N° 10.

Samuel Secord Carpenter Bowery Road 9th Ward }
Hickson Wilson do Peters Street 9 do } additional men

A Petition of Isaac Valentine Jun[r] for appointment of Weigher of Hay was read & referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Communication from the High Constable recommending that the Peace Officers be directed to carry a small badge designating their office was read & referred to the following Committee to devise & report such badge.

Committee Mess[rs] Wilson Hawes Waldron

A Petition of Archibald Taylor for extension of time for payment of an Assessment upon him for opening Magazine Street was read Whereupon, Resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The Council of the Board presented the following Leases drawn by him in pursuance of directions [117] from the Finance Committee, which were directed to be executed Viz to, J. Moore, W. B. Dobson & James McCarty for Chatham Street Lots lately sold at Auction on

22d ultº & to George Cunningham for Lot corner of Beach & Chapple Street.

A Petition of Lozee Van Nostrandt stating inconveniencies experienced at the Ferries by the strict execution of the Sunday Law was read & referred to the Ferry Committee.

The Committee appointed to conduct the Arbitration between the Corporation & Mr Schenck, Reported as follows

The Corporation vs Peter H. Schenck On arbitration as to the ground whereon the Oswego Market stood & the Street South & East thereof

It is agreed by and between the above named parties that if the Arbitrators chosen in this matter or the Umpire who may be appointed by them, shall adjudge that the Ground which formed the Street South and East of the late Oswego Market belongs to the Corporation as a Public Street, or that the Public are entitled to the same as a Public Street then the said Arbitrators or Umpire shall award such sum to be paid by Mr Schenck to [118] the Corporation for the same as shall be proven to be the value of the said Ground; And that if the Arbitrators or Umpire shall adjudge that the ground upon which the Oswego Market formerly stood belongs to the Corporation either by Cession to them, by possession, or otherwise then the said Arbitrators or Umpire shall also award such sum to be paid by Mr Schenck to the said Corporation as shall be proven to be the value of that part thereof which lies Southward of the intended line of Maiden Lane (if any part thereof be to the Southward of that line) And that the said Peter H. Schenck his heirs or Assigns shall and do within one month after making the award execute to the said Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York a Release for that part thereof which lies Northward of the said intended line of Maiden Lane—If the Arbitrators or Umpire shall adjudge that the ground whereon the Market stood is the property of the said Peter H. Schenck & that he is entitled to the possession thereof then they shall award that the Corporation take the proper measures to obtain the same or such part as may be necessary to effect the intended improvement of Maiden Lane, and that Mr Schenck have his damages & recompence therefor enquired into and Assessed in the manner prescribed by Law in case the parties cannot agree.

[119] The Committee appointed by the Board to conduct the Arbitration between the Corporation & Peter H. Schenck have deemed it proper that an agreement should be entered into between the Corporation & Mr Schenck as to the principles of the Award to be made in

the premises, and have the honor to lay before the Common Council the form of such an agreement for approval

Peter Mesier
May 18th 1812. John Morss
William J. Waldron
D. S. Jones

Which was agreed to.

The Attorney to the Corporation on the subject of Capts who had neglected to report passengers Reported "That during the last week Penalties have been incurred by Captains Gibbs, Allen, Waterman & Thompson for not reporting their passengers at the Mayors office these Gentlemen appear to have been ignorant of the necessity of making the report & are solicitous to comply with the Law—The Attorney therefore respectfully submits to the Common Council the propriety of remitting the Penalties upon the usual terms.

May 18. 1812. (Sd) D. S. Jones.

Which was agreed to

[120] The Comptroller presented the following report on the claim of the Lessee of Slips as to the property lately purchased from R. Varick Esqr

The Comptroller respectfully represents to the Board that in consequence of the purchase made by them of the property belonging to Richard Varick Esqr between Dey & Partition Streets on the North River—the Lessee of the Docks & Slips considers himself entitled by virtue of his Lease, to the wharfage arising from that property.

Without entering into an investigation of the merits of the question, it is respectfully recommended that the subject be referred to the Council of the Board for his opinion

May 18. 1812. G. N. Bleecker Comptr

which was directed to be referred to the council of the Board.

The Committee on the Petition for paving the side walks of Marketfield Street Reported

"That the Foot-walk on the South side of Marketfield Street along the Battery fence, from having been neglected to be paved has at length become a serious grievance to that neighborhood. Every description of filth is there deposited & the swine by rooting up the ground & wallowing there in the mire, make the passage to the Battery from Broadway not only [121] very unsightly but very offensive. Your Committee therefore concieve that immediate attention ought to be directed to the removal of so conspicuous a nuisance & recommend that the said walk

be paved with flagging as soon as the same can be done; & suggest the propriety of using the Stone lately taken from the Old City Hall for that object

All which is Respectfully submitted

Peter Mesier
Saml Jones Junr
Saml Stillwell St Comssr

May 18. 1812

which was approved & the Street Commissioner was directed to take the necessary measures for carrying the same into effect.

[122] The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of William D. Blackwell for advice or payment of damage, respecting, or to be sustained, by a wrong survey having been made as he says by Bridges & Loss Reported

"That he cannot see this as a proper subject to come before this board, only as a complaint against the Surveyors. He is therefore of opinion that the Petitioner should have leave to withdraw his Petition

Which is respectfully submitted

May 18. 1812 Saml Stillwell St Comssr"

which was agreed to

The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment for paving 4th Street from Division to Pump Street, which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector.

The following Resolution respecting providing Matting & Carpetting for the Court Room was read and agreed to; Resolved That Mr Hazard be instructed to employ the Convicts in Bridewell in constructing matting to cover that part of the floor of the Court of Sessions occupied by the Audience & that a Committee be appointed to superintend the making of the same, and that some cheap material be provided as carpeting for that part of the said [123] room which is occupied by the Court & the Gentlemen of the Bar. The Committee appointed were Mr Wilson Mr Hawes Mr King

A Memorial presented at the last meeting of the Board on the subject of authorizing the Corporation to create a Stock by funding their debts &c was called up & read & upon the question of agreeing to the same a Division having been called by Aldn Wendover & seconded by Mr Drake it was carried in the Affirmative as follows

Affirmative Mr Recorder Aldn Mesier, Carpenter Dickinson Cunningham Fish, Messrs Jones, Hawes, Lawrence, Wilson, Hardenbrook 11.

Negative Aldⁿ Morss, Buckmaster Wendover, Messʳˢ King, Titus Waldron, Drake 7.

Upon filling up the blank in the Bill as to the sum to be raised, One million of Dollars having been proposed & a division having been called thereon it passed in the Negative thus.

Aldⁿ Carpenter, Cunningham Morss, Buckmaster, Wendover Messʳˢ King, Titus, Waldron, Hardenbrook, Drake 10

Affirmative Mʳ Recorder, Aldⁿ Mesier Dickinson Fish, Mʳ Jones, Hawes, Lawrence, Wilson, 8

[124] The Sum of Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars was then proposed & the question being taken thereon the Board being equally divided his Honor the Mayor gave his casting vote in the Affirmative.

Upon the part of the Bill respecting the Interest to be allowed, it was proposed to insert "a sum not exceeding Seven Per Cent." a Division having been called it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative Mʳ Recorder, Ald. Mesier, Carpenter Dickinson, Cunningham Fish Messˢ Jones Hawes Lawrence King, Wilson Titus Hardenbrook 14

Negative Aldⁿ Morss Buckmaster Wendover Mʳ Waldron 4

The Memorial and Bill were then directed to be engrossed & the Memorial signed by the Mayor & the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto by the Clerk of the Common Council & his Honor the Mayor was requested to take charge of the same & present them to the Legislature at their ensuing Session.

Alderman Mesier represented that the grounds bounded on State & Bridge Street ceeded by the State [125] to the United States was in a situation which in his opinion called for the attention of the Corporation

Whereupon Resolved that the subject be referred to the Committee of Defence.

Mʳ Jones agreably to notice given moved that the Common Council reconsider the vote taken on the Ordinance for appointing Street Inspectors; On the question of agreeing to the same a Division having been called the Members voted as follows

Affirmative Aldⁿ Mesier, Carpenter Dickinson, Cunningham Fish Messʳˢ Jones, Hawes, Lawrence Hardenbrook 9

Negative The Recorder Aldⁿ Morss, Buckmaster Wendover Messˢ King, Wilson Titus Waldron. 9

The Board being equally divided his honor the Mayor gave his casting vote in the Affirmative.

The Board then proceeded to reconsider the same & on the ques-

tion of agreeing to the first clause of the same it passed in the Negative

The following Resolution was proposed & agreed to

Resolved that a Street Inspector be appointed by the Common Council whose duty it shall be together with the Deputy Street Commissioners to see that the Ordinance of this Board entitled, " a Law for the removal of filth [126] and dirt from the Streets &c[a]" be properly attended to and observed as well by the Contractors as by the Citizens at large, and to report all offences in the premises to the Attorney of the Board—" The Board then proceeded to elect by ballot a person to fill the office when Samuel Green was duly elected. The Street Commissioner was directed to divide the City into three Districts & to assign one district to each of the Deputy Street Commissioners & the Street Inspector.

The following Resolution was presented & agreed to

Resolved that an application be made to the Legislature to alter the Act entitled

prescribing the size of the Boats for such ferries & also to explain the said Act in relation to the offence & penalties incurred for setting up unauthorized ferries and that the Ferry Committee be requested to prepare such application and a Bill for such purposes and to transmit the same duly authenticated in behalf of this Board.*

Ordered that a Warrant issue in favor of Superintendant of the Alms House for $4000.

Alderman Cunningham moved that Mott Hicks be discharged from his office of Assistant Street [127] Commissioner; On motion the consideration of the same was postponed.

Resolved that the Committee on the Inclenberg Lots have authority to lease the same for one year & to report their proceedings to the Board.

The Comptroller reported Cash in Treasury	28,087.18
Warrants not presented	4380.91
	23,706.27

* Marginal note reads *152.*—Ed.

Whereupon his Honor the Mayor was requested to issue his Warrants to pay the following accounts

John H. Sickels Treasr New City Hall ordered the 11th & paid the 15th inst	8000.
G. N. Bleecker Comptr 1 Qr Salary to 15th inst	375.
Thos Hazard & 2 Assts 1 Qr " 18 "	512.50
Joseph Burjeau 1st Marshal to pay Officers attending Election	184.50
John J. Roome & Henry DeBaum, Clerks do 5th W	16.
Henry T. Wheeler, Clerk of Election 10th Ward	8.
Thomas Freeborn 10 Sundays 6 Ward	15.
John Benson 8 do do	12.
Wm L. Rose, 3 Mos Subscripn Morning Post to 10th	18.75
Richd Burcham furnishing list of passengers 6 Ms	25.
[128] G. Gilbert Clerk, recording Deed of S. Verplank	2.87
Hy Willett repairs Engines 25 June 1811 to 1 May '12	210.75
Matw Banks, blacksmith work to pumps 7 & 10 Wds	148.33
Isaac Bronson Assignee of Bond to Miller & Baker Interest to 25th April 1812	897.69
Charles Gobert to complete models of Machines for public Defence	200.
Daniel French balce due on award for ground & buildings to open Columbia Street	800.
Hill & Clarke for regulating Grand St from Goerck St to East River	310.
Robt Carnley a/c for filling Willett Street	200.
Archd Smyth balce due on Delancey St	185.24
Joseph Dederer Foreman of Jury on Maiden Lane	108.
Richard Furman Treasr New Alms House	2400.
Samuel Jones Junr to settle with Jno R. Murray & Jas S. Kip, compromise made by Committee relative to Common Lands	800.
Richard Furman Superdt Alms House	4000.
	$19429.63
Balance	$4276.64

[129] In Common Council May 19. 1812

The Common Council assembled agreably to their former Resolution for the purpose of paying a tribute of respect to the Memory of the Honorable George Clinton late Vice President of the United States; and proceeded in the order prescribed by the Report of the Committee of Arrangement to the Presbyterian Church in Wall Street, where an Oration suitable to the occasion was delivered by the Hone Gouverneur Morris.

After the Oration, it was unanimously resolved that the thanks of this Common Council be presented to the Honble Gouverneur Morris

for his polite and ready acquiescence with their request & also that he be requested to favor the Common Council with a Copy of the Oration delivered this day by him, in order that the same may be published.

[130] In Common Council May 25th 1812

Present. Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr Recorder, President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Peter Hawes	Assistants
Charles Dickinson		Augustine H. Lawrence	
Richard Cunningham		Elisha W. King	
John Morss		Josiah Hedden	
George Buckmaster		William J. Waldron	
Nicholas Fish		William A. Hardenbrook	
John Pell		John Drake.	

The Minutes of the Meetings on the 18th & 19th Inst were read and approved.

Petitions from Martin Wood & from Benjn Jarvis & Urania Wood praying for reasons therein stated a remission of penalty incurred under the Sunday Law were read and referred to the Attorney of the Board with authority to remit if in his opinion proper.

A request of Abraham E. Brower praying permission to erect a Vault in front of his house in Maiden Lane, was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Str Commissioner with authority to grant the same if in their opinion proper.

[131] A Petition of Biddy McInnally for a Stand to sell vegetables in the Bear Market was read & referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Abner Curtiss Register of Dogs praying for the use of the Watch room in the N. City Hall as an Office to receive reports from the Owners of Dogs was read & referred to the Building Committee with authority to grant the same if in their opinion proper.

A Remonstrance of George Peak against the regulation of James' Slip was read & referred to the St Commissionr & City Inspector.

A Complaint of D. Godwin Lessee of Hoboken Ferry of incumbrances of said Ferry by Boats from Weehawk &c was read & referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants praying that Washington Street be regulated & paved from Jay Street to North Moore Street was read & referred to the Street Commissioner.

An account of W. B. Cozens & of S. Mitchell for segars furnished the Board amounting to $35 & certified by B. Skaats was presented & a Warrant ordered to be reported in favor of B. Skaats for payment of the same.

[132] A Request of John N. Weathershire for permission to place building materials in front of his Lot in Chamber St^{t} was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward with authority to grant the same.

A Letter from S. Cowdrey requesting on behalf of Bailey & Anderson payment for ground taken to open Chamber Street & stating that said Bailey & Anderson objected to the payment of the sum assessed upon them for opening said Street & offering to submit the question between them & the Common Council on that subject in such way as the Com: Council should choose was read & referred to the Street Commissioner Comptroller & Council of the Board.

A Petition of Thomas Roach for appointment to some office, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

Petitions from Robert De Grushe, John Michaels Samuel Montgomery & Nathaniel Fisk praying to be appointed Captain of the City Watch of 3^{d} District in the place of George Goodheart deceased was read

Whereupon the Common Council proceeded to elect by Ballot a person to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of George Goodheart when upon [133] counting the ballots it appeared that Isaac Bogert was duly chosen.

The Common Council then proceeded to elect a person to fill the vacancy of Assistant to the Watch of the 3^{d} District occasioned by the appointment of Isaac Bogert to the Captaincy in said District when upon counting the ballots it appeared that Jacob Morrison was duly appointed.

The City Inspector presented drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N^{o} 440, to N^{o} 450 which were passed.

The City Inspector presented a communication on the subject of nuisances at the Collect which was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 6 Ward & the City Inspector.

The Council of the Board presented Deeds to W^{m} & John Mott for Lots N^{o} 5 & N^{o} 6 Peck Slip & also to Peter Embury for lots N^{o} 4 & N^{o} 5 Collect lots which having been approved by him were directed to be duly executed on the part of the Corporation.

The Committee on the Petition for widening Cliff Street reported "that in their opinion the widening of [134] said Street at this time is inexpedient" signed

Charles Dickinson
Peter Hawes
Samuel Stilwell.

Which report was agreed to,

The Committee on Streets to whom was referred the Petition for paving Beekman Slip Reported "that in their opinion it is necessary & proper that Beekman Slip be forthwith regulated and paved; in doing which it will be necessary to take down the Fire Engine House there standing & which your Committee recommend to be rebuilt, on the head of the same Slip nearer to Pearl Street.

All of which is submitted

Elisha W. King
George Buckmaster
R. Cunningham

Whereupon Resolved that the part of the report recommending the paving of sd Slip be confirmed & that the remainder of said report be referred to the Street Commissioner.

The Committee of Defence to whom had been referred the letter of Colonel Williams' on the subject of a military Site at Corlaers Hook: and asking a grant from the Corporation of the Water right in front of the [135] contemplated battery at the point of Corlaers Hook and also of such part of the Street as may be necessarily included in the works, Reported, that as the object of the grant asked for from the Corporation is to enable the Government of the United States to erect a battery at the point of Corlaers Hook for the defence of that part of the City and harbor contiguous thereto; and that as said battery is considered by the regular and proper Officer an essential part of the System proposed for the defence of the Harbor & City of New York, it is incumbent on the Corporation to afford every facility & to cooperate by every mean in their power to promote so desireable an object, therefore the Committee recommend the following Resolution.

Resolved that whenever the United States shall erect any battery or fortification at the point of Corlaers hook for the defence of this City & harbor, that the Common Council will grant so much of the water right in front thereof as in the judgement of the Engineer shall be deemed requisite for the same, & also so much of the Streets terminating on said grounds as shall be necessary for the Continuity of said works—reserving however the jurisdiction of the State & City to the grounds & water so ceded—All which is respectfully submitted.

Peter Mesier
Nicholas Fish
Peter Hawes
John Morss
John Drake

[136] Which was agreed to.

The Council of the Board presented the following Report—" That Captains Baker, Newson, Green, & Fellows have incurred Penalties during the last Week for not reporting their passengers according to law The Attorney is satisfied that in these cases the Penalties have been ignorantly or inadvertently incurred and as the parties are ready to comply with the law, he respectfully submits to the Common Council the propriety of remitting them on the usual terms.

D. S. Jones

May 25. 1812.

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Alderman Mesier, Mr King was appointed upon the Committee on the Petition of Peter P. Van Zandt in the place of Aldn Carpenter absent from the City.

On motion of Aldn Pell Resolved that a licence to drive a Cart be granted to John W. Innes he giving sufficient security for his conduct as a Cartman.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer Certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company No 19

George Arenfrits Cartman 74 Bowery Lane 7 W. v. Jos: Hyde resd

[137] George F. Harper fisherman Catharine St v. Fredk Pessenger decd

Adam Thompson Engine maker Broome St 7 W. v. H. Fisher resd

No 25

Wm B. Kenyon Mercht 95 Wm Street 4th W. v. Aaron Romine resd

Solomon Brown Currier 2 Ferry St 4 W. v. Isaac Valentine do

Joseph Thomas Carpenter Ryder St 6 W. v. Peter Roe "

Samuel Dunbar do 31 Roosevelt St 4 W. v Wm M. OHara "

Anthony V. Bartow Weigher 95 Wm St 2 W. v. Charles Miller "

Orlando Harriman Mercht do do Saml Underhill "

John P. Horton Carpenter 424 Broadway 6th W. v. Andw Hall. expd

Robert Gender Shoemaker 557 Pearl St 6 W. v. John H. Greene resd

No 27.

William Passman Butcher Chamber St 5 W. v. John Lear expd

David R. Bogert Storekeeper Greenwich St 5th W. v. Fre Passman jr resd

Resolved that it be referred to the following Committee to consider & report whether any and what amendments are necessary to be made in the Dog Law

Comm^{e} M^{r} Hardenbrook M^{r} King M^{r} Moss.

M^{r} Lawrence presented the following Resolution respecting the fuel to be provided for the different Offices in the City Hall which was agreed to.

Ordered that M^{r} Skaats the Keeper of the City Hall be directed to provide Fuel and when necessary to have Fires [138] made in the Common Council Chamber and in the following Courts and Offices only

In The Court of Chancery
The Supreme Court
The Sittings
The Oyer & Terminer & Sessions
The Mayors Court
The Mayors Office
The Street Commissioners Office
The City Inspectors Office
The Jury Rooms for the above Courts
Fuel for Watch
The Comptrollers Office.

And that all persons occupying Offices in the City Hall be requested to see the Fires carefully extinguished before they quit their offices for the day.

Resolved that the Market Committee be requested to cause hand Bells to be provided for the Deputy Clks of the several Markets, who shall ring the same in the said markets, one quarter of an hour previous to the time directed by the ordinance for the Butchers to leave the Market: And Resolved further that the time for the Butchers to leave their Stalls be fixed at 2 O'Clock P. M. each day throughout the year.

Ordered that a Warrant issue for $2000 in favor of R. Furman Treasurer of New Alms House.

[139] Upon Motion of a member the Room was cleared of strangers and the Doors closed.

The Report of the Ferry Committee on the subject of the purchase of ground opposite Hornes Hook ferry was called up & being read was as follows,

"The Committee on Ferries to whom it was referred to consider "and report whether the situation of the grounds on the Long Island shore opposite Horns Hook lately offered for sale by Jacob Lewis, or

that offered for Sale by Jacob McKeag be the most suitable for a Ferry, and also the comparative value of the same"

Beg leave to report, that they have viewed the premises in question; that part lately offered for Sale by Mr Lewis is now said to belong to Mr J. H. Maxwell, and is situate on the point and contains between four & five acres by estimation; on it are several stone quarries of some value, but the surface is very unlevel & the road across it circuitous; The piece of ground offered for Sale by Jacob McKeag contains about two acres and is situate on the East side of & adjoining Mr Maxwells.

This likewise contains a stone quarry & like the former is very unlevel. There is a small two story house upon it not quite finished— A road has been cut thro' it, leading from the landing across the point, but does not connect with the causeway in the rear by the distance of about Two Roods. As the pieces of ground adjoin each other [140] there can be no material difference in point of situation, neither piece of ground is, in the opinion of your Committee very valuable; the price of the former is $4000 that of the latter is $2500. As a number of the Members of the Board accompanied the Committee when they took a view of the premises and as several others are well acquainted with its situation, your Committee hope to be excused from expressing their preference for either piece of ground so offered for sale.

Elisha W. King
George Buckmaster
Thomas Carpenter

April 13th 1812.

It was then moved that the following previous question be taken on the subject "Is it expedient for the Common Council at this time to make purchase of any ground as a site for a Ferry on the Long Island side"—The question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative.

The Doors were then opened, & it was Ordered that the proceedings while the doors were closed be entered on the minutes.

On motion Resolved that the several provisions of the Law respecting the driving of Carriages &ca be extended & have operation throughout the part of the City comprehended within the Lamp District—Mr Lawrence gave Notice that he would move for a reconsideration of the same.

[141] Resolved that it be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 6th Ward & Street Commissioner to consider and Report as

to the propriety of enclosing any and what part of the Public grounds between Elm Street and the Arsenal.

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury		13,513. 9
Warrants not presented		997.
	Balance	12516. 9

Whereupon his Honor the Recorder was requested to issue his Warrants to pay the following accounts

Lawrence & Van Wart Watch		498.75
Farrington & White		621.25
Goodheart & Hays		658.
Angevine & Hedden		329.
Peter Mesier Esqr attending Sessions in March Term		48.
Charles Dickinson Esqr do March & April		96.
Richard Cunningham Esr do April		48.
John Morss Esqr do May		48.
Isaac S. Douglass Er do do		48.
Nicholas Fish Esr do February		48.
John Pell Esqr do do		48.
[142] Thomas Franklin Chief Engineer 1 qr Salary		125.
B. Skaats & Assistt 1 Qr Saly & expences		132.
W. Pollock & H. G. Disbrow 6 Sundays ea: 10 Ward		18.
Luke Persiary for care &c of Mud Machine from 8th Jany to 25 April		309.38
Jas Richardson cleaning Wells 1. 2. 7. 10 Wards		27.75
Comstock & Sawyer balce due on Oil Contract by Lamp Committee 20th Feby		1000.
Michael Wyms for building & improvemts on lot No 37 Inclenbergh		750.
Peter Lorillard balce for ground & buildings taken to open Chamber Street		830.95
Thos & Geo: Lovett on acct Broome Street		300.
Abr: Stagg Contract for Curb & Gutter Stone around Chatham Park		278.80
Joseph Dederer Jurors fees opens Elm Stt	36	
do do Columbia St	54	
		90.
Erc Bishop & Assessors regulg Grand Stt	35	
do do Broome St	50	
		85.
Wm Kay & others draining the Collect		84.37
Chas Mooney extra paving Mulberry	50.59	
balance on Hester Stt	24.55	
		75.14
Jas Kelly paving Intersections in full		71.62
Hardenbrook & Nichols repairs to Engines balce from 1 April 1810 to 16 April 1811		222.80
J. P. Roome Supdt Repairs to pay Workmen		300.
Edmd Jno Ball on a/c Canal Stt Bond		800.
Balce 4524.8.		7992. 1

[143] In Common Council June 1st 1812

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr Recorder President

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	Peter Hawes
Charles Dickinson	Auguste H. Lawrence
Richard Cunningham	Elisha W. King
John Morss	George Wilson
George Buckmaster	Josiah Hedden
John Pell.	Michael M. Titus
	William J. Waldron
	William A. Hardenbrook

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

A Petition of Cornelius Van Alen for an Office & of Joseph Robinson for appointment of Wood Inspector were read & referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition from Ann Goodheart praying to have the use of the Stall lately occupied by her husband George Goodheart deceased in the Hudson Market, and a petition from Mary Boscawen praying to have the use of the Stall lately occupied by her husband John Boscawen decd in the Catharine market were read & resolved that the use of said Stalls be granted agreably [144] to the prayers of the petitioners for the term of one year.

A petition of Mary Slater praying to be relieved from the payment of part of an assessment upon the house No 1 Duane Street corner of Rose Street on account of her indigent circumstances was read & referred to the Committee of Charity to enquire of & report facts.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from No 451 to 457. which were passed.

A request of Minturn & Champlin stating that they had a Ship on the stocks, which they wished to water before launching, & that the floating Engine would be convenient to them for that purpose & requesting the loan of the same, Whereupon Resolved that the prayer of the petition be granted.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the *the* Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company No 3.

James Rush boatman No 13 Stone Street
1 W. v. Jno F. Thurston resd

Richard Morris shoemaker 51 Water St.
1 " " Wm A Burtus "

[145] A communication was received from the Honorable Gouverneur Morris transmitting agreably to the request of the Common

Council the Oration delivered by him at the funeral honors decreed to the Memory of George Clinton late Vice President of the United States;

Whereupon Ordered that the same be printed under the direction of the former Committee of arrangements who shall cause so many copies to be published as they shall judge expedient, & Resolved further that the former thanks of the Board to Mr Morris be printed with the Oration.

Resolved also that the thanks of the Common Council be presented to the Revd Doctr Romeyn for his pious & eloquent discharge of the religious services at the late funeral honors paid to the memory of the Honble George Clinton late Vice President of the United States.

A Petition of Roger Gill for a further time for payment of an Assessment for regulating & paving Delancey and Cannon Streets was read & further time of sixty days allowed him.

A Letter from Doctor Buchanan as Secretary of the Medical Society requesting the use of a room in the City Hall for the meetings of the Society, was read, & Resolved that petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

[146] A Letter from Jacob Barker complaining of suits having been commenced against him on account of the Captains of Ship Lady Madison & Fair Trader, & requesting the Suits might be discontinued was read & the letter being deemed to be couched in improper terms It was ordered that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

A second letter from Jacob Barker stating that he had been misunderstood by the Board, & that his observations meant to apply to the former Attorney of the Board & requesting that he might be permitted to give Bonds for the Passengers in the above mentioned vessels, was read & referred to the Attorney of the Board.

The Attorney reported that Captains Records & Lovell had incurred penalties by not reporting passengers, but as it had been done inadvertently he recommended that the penalties be remitted & they be permitted to Report, which was agreed to.

The Council of the Board on the subject of the claim of the Lessees of Slips to the Wharfage of the Wharf lately purchased from Richard Varick Esqr Reported as follows

By Lease bearing date the fourth day of March [147] 1811 the Corporation of the City of New York for the rent or Consideration of $20750 Per annum, demised to Charles Smith the Wharfage &ca for their docks wharves, Piers & Slips for the term of two years by the words following to Wit " All and singular the rates or fees which now

are or from time to time shall be by law established and which arise and become due between the first day of May 1811 and the first day of May which will be in the year 1813 of and from the Masters Owners or Possessors of each and every vessel and small craft which shall come into or lie at or in any of the Docks Wharves Piers or Slips within the limits of the said City & belonging to the said Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the said City.

In the month of February last the Corporation purchased from Colonel Varick certain Wharves and Slips between Dey Street & Partition Street.

Mr Smith now contends that by virtue of his Lease he is entitled to receive the Wharfage &cs from the property purchased from Coll Varick & the opinion of the Counsel of the Corporation is desired thereupon.

Answer,

I have examined this case with considerable attention & think that Mr Smith has no legal claim to the Wharfage from this property. If the Legislature should see fit to encrease the Rates or fees payable by the Masters [148] or Owners of vessels which shall come into or lie at or in any of the Docks Wharves Piers or Slips which belonged to the said Corporation at the time of the execution of this Lease, I have no doubt but that the Lessee would be entitled to the whole of those fees: But I cannot conceive on what principle the Lessee can become entitled to the profits of Piers or Slips which could not be demised to him, as they did not at the time of the demise belong to the Lessors.

If the Rent paid by Mr Smith was intended as an equivalent for the property then belonging to the Corporation; & if under this lease he is permitted to take the profits of subsequent purchases, he will receive those profits without paying any compensation therefor.

D. S Jones

June 1st 1812.

Which was agreed to & ordered to be filed.

Also Ordered that John Bonsall Junr late Wharfinger of Mr Varick be requested to collect the Wharfage that shall become due for the Docks & Wharves belonging to that property for and on account of this Corporation

Also ordered that the Comptroller be directed to call upon Mr Smith the Lessee of Slips for an account of the sums which he has received for wharfage of said property since the same has been purchased by this Corporation.

The Street Commissioner & City Inspector on the [149] Petition of George Peck complaining of irregularity of *of* lots in James' Street reported that upon a view of the premises it appears that no part requires the interference of the Common Council & therefore recommend that petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition. which was agreed to.

The following report on the account of Waters Furman late Superintendant of Streets & of the sums due for Street manure was presented by the Comptroller

"The Subscriber respectfully reports to the Board that he has examined the accounts of Waters Furman Superintendant of Streets Eastern District from 13 April 1810 to 9th April 1812 with the vouchers accompanying them. By these accounts there appears a balance of $2015.56 due the Corporation including all the outstanding debts. A list of these debts exhibited amount to $1813.38 on the 9th of April last, part of which has been since collected. On the suggestion of the subscriber in order to effect a speedy & final settlement, a proposition has been made by Mr Furman to the following purport; to assume the risk and collection of all the outstanding debts for $150— which will leave $1865.56 balance in favor of the Corporation. He will pay $600 in Cash $630 by an endorsed note at 60 days from the 11th May last and $635.56 by an endorsed note at four months from same date.

[150] The Board will judge of the expediency of acceeding to this proposition, in preference to the delay & risk unavoidably attending the collection of a number of small accounts distributed in various quarters. But if otherwise determined it would be best to leave the collection with Mr Furman allowing him the usual Commission of five P Cent. on the amount collected.

Respectfully submitted

June 1st 1812 (Sd) G. N. Bleecker Comptr

Whereupon Resolved that the proposal of Mr Furman be accepted & that the Comptroller be authorized to negotiate the same with him.

A Communication from Richard Furman Superintendant of the Alms House enclosing an account for sundry sums which had been expended by Aldermen Buckmaster & Cunningham during the past Winter for the relief of indigent poor & which had been presented to him for payment, but which he had declined doing & requesting the orders of the Board on the subject was read & referred to Messrs Hawes King & Lawrence

[151] A Resolution of the Board of Health recommending that the Ordinance establishing a Board of Health, be so amended, that the quorum for the despatch of the ordinary Official business of the board be reduced to three, was read & on the question of agreeing to the same, it passed in the Negative.

The Committee upon the remonstrance against the Assessment for filling in Peck Slip Reported

"That they have taken the subject committed to them into consideration, and are of opinion that it will be adviseable to set aside the Assessment in question, and that an Assessment be made de novo by the Assessors heretofore appointed for that purpose, which your Committee accordingly recommend. Which is respectfully submitted

June 1. 1812.

Elisha W. King
Peter Hawes.

which was agreed to & it was referred to the former Assessors to make a new Assessment.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a drain & paving the Street at Beekman Slip which was passed and the rule being dispensed with, John Mowatt Junr James Masterton, Jehiel Jaggar William Stilwell & Garrit H. Van Wagenen, were appointed Assessors.

[152] The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents on the Assessment for regulating & improving Broome Street from Suffolk to Mangin Street Whereupon ordered that a Warrant issue to the Collector for collection of the same.

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the propriety of fencing in a part of the public grounds between Elm Street and the Arsenal, reported that they are of opinion that the Superintendant of Repairs should be directed to fill up & fence the vacant space between the ground at present occupied by him & Collect Street of the same width as the aforesaid enclosure.

Which is respectfully submitted

June 1. 1812.

Josiah Hedden
Saml Stilwell St Comssr

which was agreed to.

The Council of the Board agreably to direction reported a Memorial & Bill on the subject of amendment to the law regulating the Ferry between New York & Nassau Island which having been read was agreed to & directed to be duly authenticated & forwarded to his Honor the Mayor now attending the Legislature at Albany, with a request that the same might be presented.

[153] Alderman Mesier from the Market Committee presented the following Report,

"The Market Committee have again had the subject of erecting a new market on the west side of the City under consideration. From the Corporation having confirmed their former report of the tenth day of february last on this subject they presume that the principle therein laid down, both as to building the market, & also as to appropriating certain property to defray the expence thereof was in a manner acquiesced in. And that to perfect so necessary & valuable an object nothing remains but to adopt a plan on which the said market should be built, and appropriating the property alluded to, & directing the manner in which the same shall be disposed of.

Your Committee are persuaded that the Lots belonging to the Corporation on the West side of the present Hudson market, together with the ground in front thereof up to the line of Greenwich Street, will if judiciously laid out & disposed of constitute a fund sufficient to erect an accommodating market on a spacious & elegant plan with little or no inconvenience, and therefore they recommend that said lots be sold at public auction on the day of and that the proceeds thereof be appropriated to the building a Market in that part of the City.

As the Leases on said lots will expire on the [154] first day of April next, it will, (to meet the convenience both of the purchasers, the Corporation and that neighborhood) be adviseable, that the building of the contemplated market should progress as soon as possible, & that so much at least of the new building should be finished by that time as would accommodate the neighborhood with Butchers, Vegetable dealers & fishermen.

Your Committee therefore recommend that said market be built in conformity with the plan herewith submitted & on a scale of such dimensions as when completed will occupy the square bounded by Washington, West, Partition & Vesey Streets & forming a hollow square in the center for the resort and convenience of the Vegetable & Fruit dealers Also that some suitable Committee be fully charged with the Execution of the objects recommended in this report.

All which is respectfully submitted

Peter Mesier
Augustine H. Lawrence
Michael M. Titus
John Pell
Josiah Hedden

June 1st 1812.

Which was approved and it was referred to the Market Committee to carry the same into effect.

[155] Resolved that it be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward to enquire into facts alledged, respecting the removal of fences enclosing the ground lately purchased by this Common Council from Michael Weims & give the necessary instructions to the Attorney of the Board on the subject.

Resolved that the Committee on the Inclenbergh lots be authorized to enclose the same in fence.

Resolved that the Committee appointed to furnish the Common Council Chamber be requested to proceed in the same with all possible despatch.

Resolved that the 3d Section of the Law concerning Dogs in the 15 & 16th lines be amended by inserting instead of the words "one month" the words twenty days.

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	11'248.39
Warrants not presented	2438.75
Balce	$8809.64

Whereupon Resolved that his honor the Recorder be requested to issue his Warrants to pay the following accounts Viz

[156] Jacob P. Roome Supdt of Repairs 1 Qr Salv 1st ins	225.
James Hardie Assistt City Inspector 1 Mo "	62.50
R. Graves Asst St Comssioner do "	65.
Mott Hicks Deputy do & expences at Peck Sl	57.75
Adrian B. Holmes do do "	52.
Samuel Green do 11 days to 1st inst "	22.
B. Skaats to pay for Segars from 24 febv	39.
James Warner Sp: Justice 1 Qr Sal: to 26 May	250.
Charles Christian do do	250.
Christian Schultz do 79 days do	216.43
Bernard Oblenis Clerk Police Office 1 Qr	250.
R. Stevens Assistt do do "	125.
Jacob Hays High Constable for Officers attends the Police on special occasions to 26 May	106. 8
J. W. Mulligan & other Inspectors Election 2d Wd	24.
J. Green & J. B Fiquet Officers at Election 3 Ward for Assessor in May last	6.
Striker & Dusenbury 8 Sundays ea: 5th Ward	24.
Peters & Snow 6 do 4 do	9.
Alexr Smith for heirs of Danl Smith, balce for ground & buildings taken to open Washington Street	238.

John Bailey on acct paving 4th Street	100.
John P. Ritter & others Assessrs Columbia Strt	50.
H. A. & J. G. Coster Intt on Canal Stt Bond 1 Yr	834. 1
J. H. Sickels Treasurer New City Hall	2500.
R. Furman do New Alms House	2200.
Balce $1057.37	$7752.27

[157] In Common Council June 8th 1812.

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr Recorder President

Aldermen: Charles Dickinson, Richard Cunningham, John Morss, Nicholas Fish, John Pell.

Assistants: Peter Hawes, Auguste H. Lawrence, Josiah Hedden, William J. Waldron

A sufficient number of the Members not appearing to form a Quorum the Recorder adjourned the Board to meet on Monday next.

[158] In Common Council June 15th 1812.

Present Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr Recorder President.

Aldermen: Peter Mesier, Charles Dickinson, Richard Cunningham, John Morss, George Buckmaster, Peter H. Wendover, Nicholas Fish, John Pell.

Assistants: Peter Hawes, Auguste H. Lawrence, Elisha W. King, George Wilson, Josiah Hedden, Michael M. Titus, William J. Waldron, William A. Hardenbrook, John Drake.

The Minutes of the 1st instant were read & approved and it was ordered that the names of the members attending on the 8th inst be entered on the Minutes.

An account of Stephen Ludlum & other assessors for opening Collect Street was presented & was referred to the Committee on Assessments; and it was

Resolved that in future all accounts for services on Assessments shall be audited by the Committee on Assmts

A Petition from Fire Engine No 25 stating that yr Engine was old & unserviceable & praying that a [159] new one might be granted to them was read & referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

And a petition from Fire Engine Company N° 21, praying for 300 feet new hose & also for repairs to their Engine was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department & Chief Engineer.

The Clerk of the Common Council laid before the Board a Copy of the return made by the Inspectors of the Election held on the 26. 27. & 28th days of May last in the 3d Ward for an Assessor in said Ward certified [by] Garrit Gilbert Clerk of the City & County of New York by which it appeared that Leonard Kip had a majority of votes & was duly elected Assessor of said ward which was directed to be filed, & notice thereof to be given to the said Leonard Kip that he might take the oaths prescribed by law.

A Petition was rec'd from John Colvill praying to be permitted to stop Courtlandt Street for a few days while constructing a vault in said Street was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 3d Ward with authority to grant the same if in their opinion proper.

Petitions were rec'd from Sophia Usher & Eliza Usher praying permission to erect a suitable place in the vicinity of the City Hall for the purpose of vending Mineral waters [160] were read and referred to the Building Committee with authority to grant the prayers of both or of either of the Petitioners if in their opinion proper.

The Clerk of the Common Council laid before the Board certified Copies of the following Acts of the Legislature passed at their last Session, which had been transmitted by his Honor the Mayor, Viz,

An Act for the more effectual prevention of fires and to regulate buildings in the City of New York passed 1st June 1812.

An Act to enable the Mayor Recorder & Aldermen of the City of New York to raise monies by Tax & for other purposes passed the 1st June 1812 &

An Act to regulate the Finances of the City of New York passed the 8th June 1812.

Which were referred to the Committee on Laws & Ordinances with a direction to publish such parts of said laws as they should judge proper.

A Complaint of William D. Lawrence Captain of United States Infantry & others respecting the conduct of John Farrington one of the Captains of the City Watch was read & referred to the Watch Committee & Mr Titus.

Petitions from James Bowman, Margaret [161] Magrath, Mary Ryan & Eliza Harman for Huckster Stands in the Market & from Wm Hyde & John Trappall Butchers for permission to sell meat by

the Quarter in the lower Flymarket were read & referred to the Market Committee.

A Letter from Jacob Hays High Constable was read stating that for the exercise of his duty in enforcing the law for the observance of the Sabbath, an action had been commenced against him by one Adam Mace & praying that the Common Council would direct their Attorney to defend the said suit at their expence; Whereupon Resolved that the prayer of the said Petition be granted & that the Attorney of the Corporation be directed to defend the said suit at the expence of the Com: Council.

A request of Duncan M^cEuen to be permitted to lay a conduit pipe under ground from the United States Arsenal yard in State Street to the Fort at the Battery for the purpose of supplying the said Fort with water was read & referred to the Committee of Defence with authority to grant the prayer of the petition if in their opinion proper.

A Petition that Sugar Loaf Street may be regulated & paved from Broadway to Church Street was read & referred to the Street Commissioner.

[162] A Petition of Richard O. Pearsall to be appointed a Measurer of Grain &c^a in place of his Brother Samuel G. Pearsall was read & granted.

A representation from Jacob Hays High Constable was read, stating that on Sunday last the Store of John Waters was kept open & a number of persons in the same, that said Waters stood in the door & prevented any of the Peace Officers from looking into the store, Whereupon Ordered that the same be referred to the Recorder with a recommendation that if upon examination the facts were found as stated that the Tavern Licence of said Waters be taken from him.

The City Inspector presented drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 458 to N° 495 which were passed

The City Inspector presented the following statement respecting a nuisance at the end of the Hudson Fish Market "that the same has been examined by the Assistant City Inspector & from his report it appears that the Complaint exists on a lot owned by a M^r Martin Ryerson of New Jersey adjoining to which M^r Joshua Jones is docking out—that M^r Ryerson has been applied to, to fill in his lot but has hitherto [163] neglected to do it—As the situation of the lot is offensive to the neighborhood, the City Inspector recommends that an Ordinance issue directing M^r Ryerson to fill in the lot & in case of

non compliance that it be filled in by direction of the Corporation & the expence remain a Lien on the land.

Which is respectfully submitted

June 15. 1812 J. Morton City Inspector

which was approved & an Ordinance passed accordingly.

The City Inspector represented that the Drain at the foot of Roosevelt Street required to be cleansed, Whereupon Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs take measures for cleaning that and any other public Drain that may require cleaning.

A Petition was rec'd from Dominick Lynch stating that in the year 1810 the Petitioner by order of the Board sunk a bulkhead opposite to his property between Youles furnace & Walnut Street on the East River. That the Corporation made a reservation in front of the property of Petitioner for a Public Slip & have since that time enjoyed the fees for wharfage of the same; that the petitioner advanced the whole of the money for the Corporations proportion of the expences thereof & he therefore prays that he may now be reimbursed for the same Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman & [164] Assistant of the 7th Ward the Comptroller & Street Commissioner

A Letter from T L Ogden Clerk of the Corporation of Trinity Church in answer to a letter written by the Clerk of the Common Council to said Corporation was read as follows

New York 5th June 1812

Sir

Your letter to the Vestry of Trinity Church was submitted to them at their last meeting.

I am directed to inform you that the Vestry cannot consent to the erection of an Engine House in the situation designated, and to express to you their regret at not being able to afford the desired accommodation to the Common Council

I am very respectfully

Your Most Obdt Servt

J Morton Esr T L Ogden

Clk of the Com: Council.

which was ordered to be filed.

The following Presentment of the Grand Jury was read

" The Grand Jury for the body of the City & County of New York having visited the prisons—suggest to the Court, that in the Bridewell,

the two rooms one of which contains sixty one white females & the other thirty six black females are not sufficiently large [165] for that number of persons, that in the opinion of the Grand Jury this might be remedied by repairing the roof of a wing of the said Bridewell which is now unoccupied for the want of that repair & which if repaired would afford sufficient room for the comfortable accommodation of all the prisoners. As to cleanliness & every other particular necessary or possible for the comfort & health of the prisoners the Grand Jury find that the Bridewell is in as good situation as was reasonably to be expected. The Grand Jury found in the Bridewell only two or three persons sick & those not dangerously.

The Jury have also been thro' the Jail & find it cleanly & well ordered with no sickness in it of much importance

They have also viewed the place called the Collect & here they find much to complain of; besides great quantities of stagnant water it seems to be made the common place of deposit for dead animals & filth of all kinds, where they are left to corrupt the air and endanger the health of the City; besides all this, the Cellars in the neighborhood & particularly in the lower end of Orange Street are filled with water, w^ch^ from its appearance has been in them some time, for all which reasons they present the said Collect as a public nuisance to the City

s^d^ John Aspinwall

New York 11. June 1812 Foreman

[166] Whereupon Resolved that that part relating to the Bridewell be referred to the Bridewell Committee & that part relating to the Collect to the Alderman & Assistant of the Sixth Ward & City Inspector.

A Petition of James Byrne for permission to sell goods at Auction in Chatham Street & a Memorial from Sundry Constables in the City praying that the Sales of Furniture &c^a^ may be permitted at said place were read & referred to the Aldermen of the 4^th^ 6^th^ 7^th^ & 10^th^ Wards.

The Council of the Board made the following Communication

"The Counsel of the Board has the honor to lay before the Common Council a Deed which John N. Weathershine and Catharine his wife have executed to the Corporation for a piece of ground in the sixth ward between Augustus Street & Chatham Street and a Deed to be executed by the Corporation to the said Weathershine for another piece of ground contiguous thereto—he also lays before the Common Council a surrender of the lease which M^r^ William

Mooney held for lot N° twenty five which included the ground intended to be conveyed to Weathershine and also a lease to be executed to M^r Mooney for the remaining part of his former lot & this ground [167] conveyed by Weathershine—A counterpart of which Lease M^r Mooney has already executed & is herewith presented.

These Conveyances are in conformity with the Report lately made by the Street Commissioner & Comptroller (& accepted by the Board) on the subject of a pro[po]sed exchange between the Corporation & M^r Weathershine.

June 15^th 1812. s^d D. S. Jones"

Whereupon Ordered that the Deeds & Lease to be given on the part of this Corporation be duly executed.

A Petition of William Mooney praying that a small triangular spot of ground of about seven feet by four & a half feet, fronting the lot leased to him, might be included in his Lease was read & referred to the Street Commissioner & Attorney with authority to grant the prayer of the petition if in their opinion adviseable.

An account of William Mooney for ground taken to open Chamber Street amounting to $850 which he prays might be paid to him or allowed in the account of the Corporation against him was read & referred to the Comptroller with authority to settle the same.

A request of the Board of Health that $500 might be advanced to them for payment of sundry accounts was read Whereupon Resolved that the Comptroller Report a Warrant for that sum.

[168] The Street Commissioner presented the draft of an Ordinance for regulating & repaving part of Banker Street, Oak St^t & Batavia lane which was passed and the rule being dispensed with Ezekiel Bishop, Solomon Wheeler, Stephen Kingsland, Abraham Hart & William Stilwell were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment for paving Hester Street from Rynder St^t to Broadway which was confirmed & Morris De Camp app^d Collector.

A Communication was received from Charles Smith Lessee, stating reasons why he supposes that the wharfage of the Dock lately purchased from Rich^d Varick is included in his lease from the Corporation & belongs to him, which was read

A Letter was received from John Bonsall declining the appointment of Collector of the Wharfage from the property lately purchased from Col^l Varick when the Board proceeded to elect a person for that purpose when Mess^rs Haines & Hunter were duly elected.

A Petition from sundry owners in North Street praying that the same may be regulated and paved was read & referred to the Street Commissioner.

[169] The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Compy Nº 1

Albert Journey Grocer Provost Strt & Varick 5th W. v. Richd Skinner resd

Peter Devoe Stone Cutter Nº 3. Provost St. 5 W. v. Richd Gosline resd

John B. Minton Cabinetmaker 153 Chamber St 5 W. v William Adams expd

Nº 14

Abraham Eckert Stone Cutter Nº 24 Warren St, 5 W.
v. Elias Lewis resd

Nicholas Crocheron Merchant 197 Broadway 3 W.
Wm Stackhouse dº

Nº 16.

James Brooks Painter Nº 61 Liberty St 3 W. v. Gilbt B. Mott resd

Nº 17.

William Owens Storekeeper 333 Water, 4 W. v Stepn Allen resd

Nº 32.

Moses Devoe Carpenter, Mulberry Str 6 W. v. Thos Bashford "

Nº 36.

John Lorton Junr Carpenter Crosby Stt 8th v Peter Roodeback rd

The Attorney of the Board to whom had been referred the Petition of Jacob Barker presented a Report which was read & directed to be laid on the table.

The Attorney reported that penalties had been incurred by Capts Chace, Smith, Freeman & Chatfield in not reporting passengers but as he was of opinion that they were inadvertently incurred he recommended that they be remitted on the usual terms which was agreed to

[170] The Committee of applications on the Petition of Isaac Valentine to be appointed a Weigher of Hay in place of Wm Dennison Reported that William Dennison the present Weigher of Hay at the Scales at Gouverneurs Slip was willing to resign his situation in favor of Isaac Valentine and as the Committee were satisfied with the character & qualifications of Mr Valentine they recommend his

appointment, which report was approved & Isaac Valentine appointed a Weigher of Hay.

The Committee on the communication of the Superintendant of the Alms House referred to them—Reported

That in their opinion there is no case in which the public are more liable to imposition and fraud, than in the distribution of Alms. It is often difficult to discover the real necessities of the applicant, and the clamorous importunities of the profligate mendicant are often more successful than the meek & retiring wants of the virtuous poor. The numerous public & private associations for the relief of the poor, unintentionally but unavoidably, contribute to furnish the opportunity for imposition by encreasing the number of Almoners. It is not for the purpose of chilling the warmth of individual benevolence, that these observations are made, but to evince the necessity of the most guarded precaution on the part of the Common Council [171] in their application of public monies to the subjects of out door charity. If the different members of the Common Council undertake the distribution of money or other articles to the poor, how is it possible to avoid imposition? The same persons after receiving assistance from the numerous private benevolent associations, & from the Alms House, may again lay the public purse under contribution through the Aldermen & Assistants of the different Wards in the City. These frauds it is always difficult & often impossible to detect. The feeling mind will not always stoop to the cool calculation, nor wait for the patient, tho' important investigation of the fact, how often the same person has been relieved by different Societies & persons on the same day or whether he is not a regular pensioner on public charity at the Alms House.

From these considerations your Committee are of opinion that the distribution of public money to the purposes of Charity by the individual members of the Common Council, is liable to serious inconvenience & ought not to be encouraged. As far as they can learn the practice is without precedent in the annals of the Corporation & they hope it will not be permitted to grow into a custom.

Your Committee are however happy to report that they do not entertain a doubt of the faithfulness & disinterestedness [172] with which the monies & other articles mentioned in the accompanying bills were distributed by the Aldermen of the fourth & seventh Wards; & that without permitting the same to be drawn into a precedent, the said Bills ought to be paid. They therefore recommend that the

Comptroller report Warrants for the same at the next meeting of the Board.

Your Committee have forborne to press another argument against the distribution of public monies & other articles in Charity by the members of the Board as totally inapplicable to the case referred to them.

But they cannot forbear suggesting that the time may arrive, if the practice is continued, when the public treasures may be employed by unprincipled members of the Board, under the guise & semblance of public charity, to ensure their own re-election; to secure against which and to guard against all apprehensions of the *the* same, your Committee recommend the following Resolution Viz

Resolved that the distribution of public monies and other articles of public property, by the members of the Common Council, be discontinued except in cases expressly ordered by the Board.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Peter Hawes
Augustine H. Lawrence
Elisha W. King

[173] Which was approved and the Resolution therein proposed adopted & the Comptroller was directed to report Warrants for payment of the accounts agreably to said Report.

The following resolution was presented & agreed to

Resolved that the Contractors for the Manure on the Streets of this City, shall in future be entitled to the whole amount of all penalties which may hereafter be incurred by any person or persons for taking up & carrying away the said manure contrary to law

Provided that the said Contractors shall in all respects indemnify this Corporation from payment of all costs & expences of any suit or suits which may be brought for the recovery of said penalties.

Resolved that the Attorney of this Board be directed to take suitable measures for preventing Suits being brought in the name of the Corporation, unless with his knowledge or assent.

Alderman Fish from the Road Committee presented the following Resolution Viz,

Resolved that Oliver Waldron & Jonathan Hardman be appointed overseers of Roads & that each be authorized to employ as many laborers, horses, & carts, as the Road Committee may from time to time authorize & direct & that without the authority of said Committee they shall [174] not employ at any one time more than one

extra horse and cart and four labourers in each district which was agreed to.

A request from Catharine Harvey to occupy a part of the Street for building materials & to construct a vault in Maiden lane was granted under direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & St[t] Commiss[r].

On motion of Ald[n] Mesier Resolved that the Engine House near the late site of the Oswego Market be removed, upon Peter H. Schenck executing such instrument of writing as the Attorney of the Board shall direct, declaring that such removal shall in no wise affect the rights of this Corporation; and Resolved that the former Committee appointed to procure a site for said Engine House be discharged and that the subject together with the execution of the foregoing Resolution be referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of the 3[d] & 1[st] Wards.

Resolved that the following be a Committee to make the necessary arrangements for the celebration of the ensuing Anniversary of American Independence

Comm[e]	Ald[n] Mesier	Mess[rs]	Lawrence
	Buckmaster		King
	Pell		City Inspector

[175] Resolved also that the dinner be prepared on that occasion in the City Hall.

Resolved further that the Committee on that subject be requested to have the Common Council Chamber prepared so that the Com: Council may assemble therein on the 4[th] of July next

The following Resolution was proposed and agreed to

The Committee being persuaded that the celebration of Divine Service on the Lords day in the Debtors Jail would be attended with very beneficial effects

Resolved therefore that it be respectfully recommended to the Rev[d] the Clergy of this City that they make arrangements among themselves for the regular performance of Divine service in the Debtors Gaol on each Sunday throughout the year.

Ordered, that the Superintendant of Repairs cause the houses in Banker Street to be regularly numbered.

Resolved that the Comptroller call upon M[r] Bonsall for settlement & payment of such sums as he has rec'd for Wharfage of the property lately purchased from Richard Varick since the same has been the property of this Corporation.

[176] The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	15'868.
Warrants not presented	1794. 8
balance	14'073.92

Whereupon Resolved that his Honor the Recorder be requested to issue his Warrants to pay the following accounts—Viz

Lawrence & Van Wart Watch	498.75
Farrington & White do	621.25
Hays & Bogart do	670.25
Angevine & Hedden do	315.
Peter Aymar Collector 1 Qr Salary & chair hire (L. I.)	161.
E. W. King for Pelsue & Gould printing laws, binding &c	424.50
R. Bogardus & Inspectors of 3d W. Election for Assessor in May	24.
John Bogert & do do do	18.
Jacob Anthony Clerk do do	6.
Allen & Eisenhart 48 days services in 7th Ward	72.
Editor Evening Post 6 Mos subspn to 16 May	37.50
Edwd Watkeys Candles for City Hall	9.16
Benjn Demilt attends 3 Clocks 1 Yr 9 Mos to 9th inst	350.
John Johnson Iron work for public buildings to 1st	220.78
John Youle 4 box Stoves for City Hall	100.
De Camp & Eldridge mason work to P. Buildgs	75.47
Ol. Waldron Overseer of Roads 1 Mo	284.64
Wm A. Hardenbrook for 1 pr Oxen working on the Roads from 3d Augt to 2d Septr 1811—18 days	36.
[177] Luke Persiary working Mud Machines 5 Weeks to 30th May inclusive	246.81
Epm Ginnings Supdt Lamps 1 Mo to 11 inst	518.37
John Kelly glazing Lamps 3 Mos	143.36
Wm S. Castles repairing Pumps 2d & 3 Ward	101.28
Thomas Clarke filling Courtlandt St. Slip	426.
Walter Allen raising Bulk head Scammel Stt ⅓	62.12
S. Ludlum Survs Streets to 1st inst certd by A. Stt Comsr	419.59
John Bailey on account of 4th Street	100.
Peter Lorillard addition to Warrant of 25 March last for property taken to open Chamber Street	56.93
Benja Ferris Sheriff summons Juries on Streets	25.25
H. A. & J. G. Coster Intt on Canal St Bond 1 Yr to 2 June 1812	834. 1
John Ashfield Intt on 2 Canal St. Bonds 2 Yrs 26 May & do 1812	218.40
Alexr L. Stewart Intt on do 1 Yr to 2d June 1811	834. 1
John Randell Junr on acct Surveys	500.
Richard Furman Supdt Alms House	3000.
John H. Sickels Treasr New City Hall	2000.
	$13510.43
	563.49

[178] In Common Council June 22d 1812

Present The Honble DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junr
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes
Richard Cunningham		Augustine H. Lawrence
Isaac S. Douglass		Elisha W. King
George Buckmaster		George Wilson
Peter H Wendover		Josiah Hedden
Nicholas Fish		Michael M. Titus
John Pell		William A Hardenbrook
		John Drake

Assistants

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved.

A Petition of Magdalina Walgrove stating that she believes that a part of the lot claimed by the Corporation Corner of Wall and Broad Streets is her property and praying the Common Council to enquire into the same was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the first Ward, Council of the Board & Street Commissioner.

[179] A request of H. De Neuville to be released from the rent of the Cellar under Catharine Market, as the door had not been placed in it and the Cellar was useless to the person for whom he had taken it. Ordered to be referred to the Comptroller.

An account of the Coroner of the City was presented and referred to Mr King Hedden & Council of the Board

A Petition of Peter H. Schenck on subject of the controversy between him and the Common Council which was submitted to arbitration, was read & the consideration postponed.

A Memorial of Isaac L. Kip, Assistant Register of Chancery, stating that there were in his Custody the public records of said Court of great importance & praying that a room for their safe keeping may be assigned him in the City Hall was read and referred to the Building Committee with authority to grant a room if in their opinion proper.

A Petition of Isaac Vaughan for Stall No 44 Hudson market at present occupied by George Vaughan who was willing to relinquish the same was read & refd to Market Comme

[180] A Petition from George Vaughan for Stall No 48 Hudson Market occupied by S. Martin who was willing to relinquish the same, was referred to same Committee, who immediately reported in favor of both petitioners, which report was confirmed.

A Petition of Wm Mooney for remission of one years rent, on the lot leased to him by the Corporation fronting Chatham Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner Comptroller & Council of the Board.

A Letter from Archibald Gracie & Wm Bayard in behalf of the Bank of America requesting to know the terms of the Corporation for the three remaining lots on which the Old City Hall stood, for the purpose of erecting thereon a Banking House, was read and referred to the Committee of Finance.

A Petition of Ebenezer Perkins Master of the Ship Liverpool Trader, praying remission of penalties for not giving Bonds for Passengers in the time prescribed by Law, alledging that the same was owing to the indisposition of one of his Sureties, was read & granted on his paying all the Costs incurred giving the requisite Security.

[181] A Petition of Gurdon S Mumford and others owners of Lots corner of Beaver Lane and Broad Way requesting that they may be informed of the true Line of the Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

The City Inspector reported, that upon complaints being made to him he had caused Budd Street to be examined and it was found that that Street from Varick to Hudson Street was in a state of Nuisance and in his opinion directions should be given to have it regulated and paved—Ordered that it be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Wd and the Street Commissioner with authority to Report an Ordinance if in their opinion proper.

The Attorney of the Board, Reported that Penalties had been incurred by Captns Selby and Earl for not giving Bonds for Passengers, but as in his opinion the omission was not wilful or fraudelent he submitted to the Board the propriety of remitting the Penalties incurred.

Whereupon it was ordered that the Penalties be remitted upon payment of costs and giving the requisite Bonds.

[182] The Attorney of the Board presented two Deeds from the Corporation to Henry Abeel for Lots No 63 No 64 Collect Lots which having been examined by him were directed to be duly executed.

The Street Commissioner presented a Deed from the Corporation to Daniel Lewis for the term of 13 Years from the 27 Jany 1811. for a Lot part of Trinity Church Ground situated on the East side of Varick Street being the fifth Lot from Laight Street being a Lot sold for non payment of assessment for opening Varick Street from Spring to Budd Street.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board certified Copies of Acts passed at the late Session of the Legislature Viz.

An Act relative to laying out &c Streets and Squares in the City of New York, and

An Act granting additional powers to the Mayor—Aldermen &c of the City of New York

The Committee to whom was referred the presentment of the Grand Jury on the subject of the Collect reported. That upon due [183] examination it appears, that a considerable part of this property belongs to individuals, and that their Lots are in general, in a much more offensive state than those which belong to the public—It therefore appears proper to your Committee, that the owners of these Lots should be directed by ordinances to cause the same to be filled up and fenced in to prevent their being a receptacle for filth dead animals &c. and that the Lots belonging to the Corporation should also be filled up and fenced but it is not beleived, that the Lots belonging to them require much filling up

The Committee are further of opinion, that the Manure deposited on this spot is just cause of complaint to those who live in the neighbourhood and therefore recommend that the Contractors for the Street Manure should be accommodated with some other place on which they might deposit that Article.

They likewise recommend that ordinances be passed, directing the cellars in Little Water Street and Orange Street to be filled up in such manner as to prevent them from being a receptacle for stagnant water

The Committee further wish to express [184] their opinion, that the fencing in of these Lots, whether belonging to the public or individuals, is an object of great importance. These Lots are, at present a receptacle of filth of every kind, by which as the Grand Jury very justly observe "the air is corrupted and the health of the City endangered" nor do they know of any ways in which this evil can be obviated except by fencing in the aforesaid Lots

Which is respectfully submitted
Signed Isaac S Douglass
Josiah Hedden
Jacob Morton

which was accepted and the Committee were authorized to direct the proper officers to carry the same into effect.

The City Inspector presented Drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 496 to N 512. which were passed.

The Committee on the Petition of Stephen Gould Reported, That in their opinion it is expedient to assign him a Room, in the City Hall, for the above purposes during the [185] pleasure of the Common Council, subject to the following restrictions and conditions, viz

That he shall at all times during the period which shall be granted him by the Common Council, keep an extensive assortment of Law Books, in the said Room, to which the Judges of the different Courts of Law, whose Courts are held in the City Hall, and their Clerks; the Members of the Bar, practising in those Courts and the members of the Common Council shall, at all reasonable times have free access; And shall at all reasonable times be permitted to take therefrom on Loan, free of expense, any Book or Books to be used for a short time, in any court or place within the said City Hall, and then returned, uninjured to the said Library. And also that the said Stephen Gould shall not use the said Room for the sales of Books and stationary, other than Law Blanks Paper and Quills.

On these conditions the Committee recommend that the Room on the North west corner of the City Hall, adjoining the City Inspectors Office be assigned to him during the pleasure of the Board.

Signed N Fish. Augustin H Lawrence J S Douglass S Jones Jn^r^ P. Hawes. E W King. Geo Wilson. Josiah Hedden

[186] which being read was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner presented ordinances for regulating and paving North Street from Bowery Road to First Street & for paving the Carriage Way in Sugar loaf Street from Broad Way to Church St which were passed. Assessors names were laid over.

The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment for regulating and paving First Street from Stanton Street to North Street which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment for building Bulkhead and Sewer and filling in Peck Slip which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

The following communication was received from Major General Stevens and was referred to the Committee of Defence.

To the Hon^l^ the Mayor and the
Corporation of the City of N York

[187] June 20 1812

I have the Honor to communicate to the Honorable the Mayor and Corporation the annexed General order received by me from

Brigadier Genl Bloomfield Com^dt of the United States Troops stationed in an[d] near this City and I shall be happy in cooperating with the Honorable the Corporation in any measure[s] which appear advisable for the more compleat protection of the City

With great respect I have the honor to be

Your Obd^t Serv^t

Signed Ebenezer Stevens

General Orders

Head Quarters New York
June 20^th 1812

General Bloomfield announces to the Troops that war is declared by the United States against Great Britain

By Order
(S^md) R H Macpherson
Aid de Camp

The Comptroller presented a List of accounts due for Rent to the Corporation which was read and ordered to be filed

[188] On Motion Resolved that the Comm[i]ttee of Defence be requested to report with all convenient speed whether any and what measures ought to be adopted by the Corporation for the protection of this City against the attack of an Enemy

On Motion Resolved that the Committee of Defence be enlarged and that the following members be added thereto

The Recorder.
M^r Lawrence
" King
" Wilson
Alde^n Buckmaster.

Alderman Mesier presented a Resolution to dismiss the Workmen from the New Alms House and the City Hall which was read and the consideration thereof postponed.

On an Application from Captain Bomford of the U S Corps of Engineers for the Loan of the Boring Machine for the purpose of sinking a Well on Ellis's [189] Island, it was ordered that the Request be granted.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner be authorized to cause a quantity of Gravel to be carted into Peck Slip so as to fill up the same to a proper Level.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to report a particular Statement of the Suits commenced by I A Van Hook late Attorney of the Board as to the time when commenced and of their present state.

Committee appointed were Mr Hawes
" King
" Lawrence

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	7042.22
Warrants not presented	872.
	6170.22

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue his Warrants for payment of the following Accounts.

Lawrence & Van Wart watch	498.75
Farrington & White Do	621.25
Hays & Bogart Do	670.25
[190] Angevine & Hedden, Do	315.
P Hawes expenses attending and examining title of Land near Hurl Gate Ferry Long Island	41.17
Hicks & Titus Shingles & lath repairs to Debr Jail	222.40
James Vn Beuren & Co Timber for Superdt Repairs	25.16
Henry Brush Repairing Pumps 7 & 10th Wards	110.72
James Richardson Cleaning Wells 1st 3d 4th 10th Wards	50.24
G Buckmaster Esqr amount distributd to poor last Winter ordd 15 Inst	180.56
R. Cunningham Esqr Do Do	95.82
Wm Kay Paving sundry Intersections of Streets	102.83
Leonard Fisher & others Assrs Mai L 2d asst	100.
Benj S Knapp Amt ovpd Asst Roosevelt Drain	20.
Patrick Kain pavr Int Front St Coffee H. Slip	7.18
Donal Malcolm Carpet N C Hall	418.50
Chas Dickenson Jr Bd Health Ord 15 June	500.
Danl Woolsey Do on 2 Bonds 1 Yr to 26 Dec 1812	279.65
Richd Furman Treasr N Alms House	1800.
	6059.48

Balc = 110.74

[191] In Common Council June 25 1812.

Present The Hon[l] De Witt Clinton Mayor President
Pierre C Van Wyck Esq[r] Recorder.

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jun[r]	Assistants
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes	
Richard Cunningham		Augustine H Lawrence	
John Morss.		Elisha W King	
Isaac S Douglass		George Wilson	
George Buckmaster		Josiah Hedden	
Peter H Wendover		Wm A Hardenbrook	
Nicholas Fish		John Drake	
John Pell.			

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Request of Col[n] Fleet for the loan of three Watch Boxes for the use of the Detachment of the N Y S Artillery now stationed in the North Battery was read and granted.

On Motion Resolved that the Council of the Board be requested to lay before the Board drafts [192] of ordinances for the regulation of Pawn Brokers and Hackney carriages as authorized by a late Law of the State.

On Motion the Room was cleared and the Doors closed.

The Committee of Defence presented the following Report

The Committee of Defence in pursuance of a resolution of the Common Council at their last Meeting directing them to Report the present state of our defensive preparations and whether any & what measures ought to be adopted by this Corporation for the protection and defence of this City against any attacks of the Enemy—respectfully report—That from the best information they have been able to procure it appears that the Fortifications and military preparations intended for the defence of this City are altogether incomplete & inadequate and that no reliance can be placed on the means at present provided for the security & protection against the naval attacks which may be made against this City. To remedy in some measure these defects the Committee are of opinion that a representation should be made to the General Government suggesting the propriety of erecting a Castle or other strong Fortification on Hendrick's Reef and a line of old vessels or Hulks to be anchored at convenient distances from each other across the Channel at the Narrows [193] from Hendricks Reef to Fort Richmond on the Staten Island shore to be united by a chain which is already prepared. The Line to be in the form of a crescent and the chain settled so far beneath the surface of the Water

as to be secure against the Fire of an Enemy and at the same time so near the surface as to prevent the passage of Ships, also a Line of Block Ships in the rear of the Chain in the nature of strong floating Batteries.

As the Castle cannot be erected for a considerable time the Committee are of opinion that a representation be in like manner made to our State Government urging the erection at the Expense of the State of a Battery near Denyses on the Long Island Shore

The Committee further Recommends the Common Council to take immediate measures for making of two floating Batteries on such a Plan as shall be approved of by the Committee of Defence and to be manned by Volunteers

All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Nicholas Fish. Chairman Peter Hawes. George Buckmaster. P C Van Wyck Thomas Carpenter. George Wilson. John Drake Elisha W King. John Morss Peter Mesier. Augustine H Lawrence Sam^{l} Jones Jun^{r}

Which Report being read it was unanimously agreed to and his Honor the Mayor was requested to forward one Copy thereof to the General Government, and another to His Excellency the Governor of the State of New York.

[194] M^{r} Wendover presented the following Resolution Resolved that the Committee of Defence be directed to take measures for procuring a Copy of the Signals to be used at the Telegraph at the Narrows also a good Glass and the necessary Utensils and fixtures to give the same Signals from the Cupola of the City Hall.

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on the subject of Badges for Peace Officers Reported. That they advise to be immediately adopted and worn by said Marshals & Constables as a Badge of Office a white Wand one foot long and one Inch in Diameter with the arms of the City painted thereon and the word Marshal, Constable, High Constable or First Marshal as the case may be written thereon in large letters underneath the Arms. said Wand to be made of some hard and strong Wood such as lignum vita and to be worn in a side Pocket, in the coat. all of which is respectfully submitted

George Wilson
Peter Hawes

[195] which was agreed to and the Superintendant of Repairs directed to furnish them

The Finance Committee on the subject of the City Bank for purchase of Lots at old City Hall Reported That the Directors of the Bank of America have offered 25,000 Dolls in cash for the 3 Lots 25 feet 6 Inches each Lot in Wall Street. That the Committee are of opinion that 30 000 Dollars in cash are no more than an adequate price. and that the said Lots be offered to the said Directors for that sum.

On Motion of the Recorder, Resolved that the Building Committee [be] authorized to purchase a Clock for the use of the Common Council.

A Petition of sundry Masons Carpenters &c employed at the New Alms House praying to be continued in employment and offering to work at reduced Wages, was read

The Resolution proposed by Alderman Mesier at the last Meeting of the Board was taken up and considered, and is in the words following

Whereas in the present State of Public Affairs [196] it is deemed expedient to retract the Expenses of the City, in every way that possibly can be devised consistent with the public Interests

Therefore. Resolved that the Building Company of the New Alms House at Bellevue be instructed to discharge from the said Building without delay as many of the Persons there employed, either as Superintendants Foremen, mechanicks or Laborers, as are not absolutely necessary to put the Walls and Materials of the said Building in a state of security: And that when that object shall be effected that they discontinue the erection of the said building untill the further order of the Board.

Resolved that the Building Committee be requested to signify to Mr McComb that it is the determination of the Board to suspend all further Work on the New City Hall, except what may be necessary to finish the Rooms assigned for the accommodation of the several Courts of Justice held in this Building: And that he be requested to Report without delay to said Committee what hands will be requisite to retrain in employ for this purpose

Upon the Question of agreing to the same it passed in the negative.

[197] The following Resolution respecting the Building and Bellevue Committees was read and agreed to.

Resolved that the Building and Bellevue Committees be requested to retrench the Expenses of the Buildings under their care so as to accomodate them as far as practicable to that Œconomy demanded by

the exigencies of the Times keeping at the same time in view the necessity of not depriving too many of the Workmen of employment

The following Resolution respecting City Stock was presented and agreed to.

Ordered. that the Counsel of the Board under the d[i]rection of the Finance Committee be requested to prepare an ordinance for the appointment of a Commissioner of Loans and prescribing the forms of Certificates for Subscribers to the contemplated City Stock

The Petition of Peter H Schenck presented at the last Meeting of the Board was called up and after some discussion, it was Resolved that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition. It was also Resolved [198] that the Council of the Board be authorized on behalf of this Common Council to extend the time within which the Umpire to be chosen in the controversy between this Common Council and Mr Schenck is limited by the Bonds of submission to make his report, to one month from the expiration of the time limited in said Bond.

[199] In Common Council June 29 1812.

Present The Honbl De Witt Clinton Mayor, President

Peter Mesier		Samuel Jones Junr
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes.
Richard Cunningham		Augustine H Lawrence
John Morss		Elisha W King
Isaac S Douglass	Aldermen	Assistants
George Buckmaster		Josiah Hedden
Peter H Wendover		Michael M Titus
Nicholas Fish		Wm J Waldron
John Pell		Wm A Hardenbrook.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The following Person was appointed a Fireman, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy.

Fire Engine Company No 3.

Benjm Galloop. Hair Dresser—No 42 Pine St 1 Wd v. John A Stewart resgd

The City Inspector presented Drafts of Ordinances [200] for correction of sundry nuisances from No 513 to No 530 which were passed.

An invitation of Mr Scudder the Proprietor of the American Museum to the Common Council to visit his establishment this day was read and accepted, to visit after the adjournment of the Board.

A Letter from Messrs Haines & Scudder resigning the appointment of Warfinger of the property lately purchased of Coln Varick

was read and *and* accepted—and on Motion John Brower was appointed in their stead

A Petition of John Allinghand for remission of fine incurred by selling liquors without Licence was read and referred to the Attorney of the Board.

Petitions of Edward Nicholas and John Cross for appointment to an office were read and referred to the Committee on Applications

A Petition of the Master Chimney Sweepers [201] praying an alteration in the ordinance regulating them so as to permit younger persons to be employed than those designated was read and referred to the former Committee on that Subject

A Communication of I A Van Hook late Attorney of the Board of a Suit on a Bond given by the Corporation to George J Warner deceased was read and referred to the Comptroller

A Memorial of Thomas and George Lovett stating that there was due from the Corporation to their Father John Lovett deceased the sum of $305.25 and praying that the same may be paid to them was read and referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

The Comptroller on the Petition of H Fanning Ex^{r} of Frederick Devoue deceased. Reported that a Reference was made to him of the Petition of H Fanning Ex of F Devoue dec^{d} requesting that a new Lease may be granted for the Lot of Ground N^{o} 24 Peck Slip, for the reasons stated in said Petition. After maturely investigating the subject, the Subscriber is of opinion that it [202] would be inexpedient to comply with the Request of the Petitioner. The leases of three of the Lots in this Block will expire in the Year 1825 and three in 1828, and to renew one of them at this time, would interfere with any arrangement that might advantageously be made by the Corporation at those periods; and it would be difficult now to fix on a fair and equitable Rent. for thirteen Years in advance from these considerations the Board will judge of the propriety of concurring or not, with the request aforesaid

respectfully submitted

(Sig^{d}) G N Bleecker. Comp^{tr}

which was agreed to and resolved that it is not expedient to grant the prayer of the Petition

The Comptroller on the subject of the Controversy between the Corporation and M^{r} George Janeway reported. that on the 7 October last, a letter from M^{r} George Janeway on the subject of the Line between his property and that of the Corporation in Pearl (late Maga-

zine) Street—was referred to Alderman Torrey Mr Lawrence Mr Hardenbrook The [203] Comptroller and Street Commissioner. On the 11th November it was "resolved, that the Committee on the subject aforesaid, be authorized to appoint a Referee on said Subject on the part of this Board"

As the business remains unadjusted and the Chairman of the Committee is not now a Member of the Common Council, and no Report appears to have been made—The Subscriber considers it his duty to inform the Board, that such order may be taken as they may think most proper. (Sigd) G N Bleecker. Compr

Whereupon Resolved that Alden Douglass be appointed Chairn & that the former Committee on that subject be continued.

A Petition of Mark Colter for appointment of Wood Inspector was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Samuel Martin praying to be assigned to stall No 15 Catharine Market lately granted to the Widow of John Boscawen she agreing to the same. A Petition of John Martin Silbee for Stand No 33 Fly Market. A Petition of John Whitehand for Stall No 31 same Market. And a Petition of William Hyde for Stand No 30 same Market now held by [204] Daniel Tier who was willing to relinquish the same was read and referred to the Market Committee who immediately Reported verbally in favor of the Petitioner which Report was approved.

A Petition of John O Neal Collector of Taxes of the 6th Ward praying for the reasons therein stated that the time for collection of the Taxes may be extended, was read—Whereupon Resolved that the Time of collecting and paying over to the Treasurer the amount of Taxes in the several Wards of this City be extended until the 15th of August next upon the securities of the said Collector consenting to remain liable for the Collection and payment of the same

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for paving and regulating Courtlandt Slip from Greenwich Street to the West side of West Street and an Ordinance for regulating and paving Chamber Street from Augustus Street to Chatham Street which were passed and the Rule being dispensed with John Nitchie John Brown George Ireland William Stilwell and Asa Holden were [205] appointed Assessors in the former and Ezekiel Bishop Soloman Wheeler Stephen Kingsland Abraham Hart and William Stilwell were appointed Assessors in the latter. The first named Assessors were also appointed assessors in the Ordinance passed 22d Inst for paving Sugar Loaf

Street. And the Assessors last named were appointed for the Ordinance passed at the same Meeting for paving North Street.

An Account of Hunt and Van Nostrandt for Sums expended in repairs at the Ferry at Brooklyn amounting to $20.33 was presented Ordered that the Comptroller report a Warrant for payment of the same deducting therefrom $4.83 charged for Tax Paid

The Committee on the Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 21. Reported—That the prayer of the Petition is reasonable and ought to be granted. they therefore recommend that the Superintendant of Repairs cause the necessary repairs to be made to the Engine House

That the Chief Engineer be directed to examine the Engine, and cause the same to [206] be repaired. That he also cause the Hose now belonging to the Engine to be repaired, if the same is worthy of repair. And that he cause so many feet of new Hose to be made for the Engine, as when added to that which shall be repaired as shall in whole amount to Two Hundred feet of good Hose.

(Signed) Peter Hawes
Wm A Hardenbrook
I S Douglass.

which was agreed to.

The following Regulations for preventing & suppressing Riots were presented and agreed to

1. That on extraordinary occasions it shall be in the discretion of the Magistrates to order all the Watchmen out on duty for any particular night

2. That when judged necessary by the Mayor he shall recommend the Aldermen and Special Justices of the Police to attend in rotation, two together, throughout the night at the Police Office

3d That in any Commotion or riot, beyond the ordinary means of suppression [207] the Court Bell at the City Hall shall be rung by order of the Mayor or in his absence by order of the Recorder, and Fire Rockets thrown up from the Cupola, on which Signal all the City Magistrates are to assemble at the Mayors Office, and all the Constables and Marshals shall forthwith repair, with their Staves (caps and clubs,) to the City Hall

4th That the Firemen of the City be requested to repair to the Hall on that occasion with their Caps to assist the Magistrates and that the Chief Engineer be requested to consult them on this subject. That arrangements be immediately made with two Troops of Cavalry and two companies of the Brigade of Artillery to form in the Park,

on the above alarm being made, within the shortest time posssible and there wait the orders of the Magistrates.

5 That the Brigadier General & commandants of the City Regiments of Artillery be requested to repair, on hearing the Bell to the Mayors Office.

6. That the Drummers of the Regiments of Artillery have similar orders to repair to the City Hall on the same occasion.

7 That if the force assembled should in [208] the opinion of the Magistrates be incompetent to keep the peace or restore order they shall direct the General to be beat throughout the City on which all the Artillery and light Infantry shall repair to and form in the Park, and there wait the orders of the Magistrates.

8th That the General shall not be beat within the City, until otherwise directed, but by order of the Mayor or Recorder as an alarm to assemble the Troops at the alarm post which shall be the Park, and which order they shall be immediately notified of

A Law entitled a Law to preserve the peace of the City was presented and enacted in the words following

Be it ordained by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened.

That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to beat a Drum or play a Fife within any of the Streets of this City at any time between eight OClock in the Evening and Four OClock in the Morning throughout the Year. And if any person shall offend in [209] the premises he or they shall forfeit and pay a fine of Ten Dollars

And if any person who shall contravene this Ordinance shall be a Minor an Apprentice a Bond servant or Slave, his or her Parent or Guardian Master or Owner as the case may be, shall be deemed liable to pay the penalty so incurred and shall and may be prosecuted for the same.

Provided always that this ordinance shall not be construed to extend or apply to the Troops of the United States in Garrison in the Forts of this City, or to persons acting under the immediate order of a Commissioned Officer of the Militia of this State when upon duty

And be it further ordained that every person contravening this ordinance shall be considered a disorderly person and it shall be the duty of the Marshals, Constables & Watchmen of this City to apprehend such persons and convey him or them to the Watch House to be dealt with according to Law.

Which was directed to be published in the Newspapers and printed in Hand Bills to be distributed throughout the City.

[210] On Motion Resolved, that the Law entitled "A Law for the due observance of the Lords Day called Sunday," and the Law entitled "A Law to regulate the Public Markets in the City of New York" be and the same are hereby re-enacted.

Mr Hawes from the Committee on the Fire Department for establishing a new Hook and Ladder Company No 4. Reported verbally that they recommend the following Persons to constitute said Company. viz David M. C. Mills—Peter Cullen—Charles Munnell—William Hitchcock—John Brown—Charles Wall—Peter White—Richard S. Clarke—John Douglass.

They further stated that a Lot for the Engine House could be procured upon Lease for $60 per annum situated on the Bowery Road adjoining the Bulls Head and they recommended that the Comptroller be directed to take a Lease for the same.

Which report was agreed to

Resolved that the Wands lately provided for the Members of the Common Council [211] be considered as their Staves of Office equally with those formerly provided

Resolved that the Committee on the Fire Department and the Chief Engineer cause to be made, as soon as possible 1500 Feet of Hose or leader, for supplying the Fire Engines with Water in case of Fires. And that they also cause the necessary Screws to be made to connect the same with the Hose now attached to the different Engines, as occasion may require.

A Resolution directing certain Maps to be made of Lots in the out Wards was presented and the consideration of the same postponed

Resolved that the Finance Committee and Comptroller be authorized to publish such part of the Act of the Legislature regulating the finances of the City of New York as by them shall be deemed proper and to advertise the opening of Books for subscription for a Loan of Six hundred thousand Dollars of the New York City Stock bearing an Interest of Six per cent [212] per Annum payable Quarter-Yearly and that Subscriptions be received at the Mechanic's Bank from the day of July until the first of August next, unless previously to the last mentioned day the whole sum shall have been Subscribed for any Sums from one hundred dollars to the whole amount offered for Subscriptions. But that Certificates be not issued for a less sum than one hundred Dollars and not for any fractions—therefore the Subscriptions must be made for Hundreds or thousands

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	2798.83
Warrants not Presented	944.63
	1854.20

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrants for payment of the following accounts.

Jas Hardie Assistant City Inspector 1 Mo Salv 1 July	62.50
Mott Hicks Deputy St Commsr Do	52.
Adrian B Holmes Do Do	52.
Samuel Green Do Do	52.
Wm P Roome Kepr P. Field Do	45.
John A Crolius Inspr Bread 1 Qr Salary 8 Inst Balc	88.80
[213] Lewis Lockwood Revising Corpn Laws	150.
Adolph L Degrove Collcr 4 Wd Tax on Lots in Chatham St leased to J Dixey ordd to be pd 20 April	24.84
John J Astor Ground rent Watch House Spring St 6 months 1 May 1812	15.
John Leaycraft 100 Feet Leader for No 13	87.50
Robert Dunn making Signal Colors & pendant for signal Poles	8.62
P & G Lorrilard Inst on Canal St Bond to 1 May 1812	725.49
John Bailey balc due paving 4th St	161.20
Jas Kelley paving Hester Str from Broadway to Rynder Street	120.
Jacob P Roome Supt Reprs pay Workmen	200.
	1844.95
Ballc =	9.25

[214] In Common Council July 6 1812.

Present The Honl De Witt Clinton Mayor President
Pierre C Van Wyck Esqr Recorder.

Thomas Carpenter	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junr	Assistants
Peter Mesier		Peter Hawes	
Charles Dickenson		Augustine H Lawrence	
Richard Cunningham		Elisha W King	
John Morss.		George Wilson	
Isaac S Douglass		Josiah Hedden	
George Buckmaster		Michael M Titus	
Peter H Wendover		Wm J. Waldron	
Nicholas Fish		Wm A Hardenbrook	
John Pell.		John Drake.	

The Board assembled at the Common Council Chamber in the City Hall which was prepared for their Reception.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Representation of Jacob Hays Captain of the City Watch that more Watch Caps were necessary for the Watchmen, was read and [215] referred to the Watch Committee with authority to prepare the necessary number of Caps

Recommendations in favor of John Dennis as Inspector of Wood was read and referred to the Committee on Applications

The following communication from the Police Officers was read

The Honorable the Mayor and Corporation of the City of New York.

The Police Justices conceive it proper to state to your honorable body, that during the late Riot in James Street, the Civil authority was promptly supported by Captn Storms and Captn Pierces Troops of Cavalry Captn Wilson's Rifle and Captn Hartell's light Infantry Companies. That several Officers and Privates of the Artillery, and other Corps, whose names, the Justices regret are not recollected, volunteered their services, and formed with those Companies.

The following Gentlemen distinguished themselves in support of the Laws and essentially contributed to the restoration of good [216] order and tranquility, namely, Lt Coln Robert Bogardus—Mr William L. Mott—Mr George Bruce—Mr Ezra Snow Mr Francis Gantz Mr Jacob Abrahams Mr Daniel Dyer and Capt Isaac Burr

Police Office 6 July 1812.

Whereupon Resolved that the thanks of the Common Council be presented to the persons named in the said Communication for their exertions in the preservation of the peace of the City and that the said Communications and the thanks of this Board be published in the public Papers

A Communication from Samuel Ackerly Assessor of the 7th Ward informing of the death of his Colleague David Bayard was read,

Whereupon Resolved that an Election for an Assessor in place of David Bayard for said Ward be held on Wednesday week next at the same place and under the direction of the same Inspectors that conducted the last charter Election in said Ward

[217] A petition of Persons confined in the Debtors Goal praying for an extension of the Goal limits was read—and the application being properly referable to the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, it was Resolved that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition

A Petition of John Munnel for remission of a Fine incurred by taking up Street manure contrary to the late Law was read and referred to the Attorney of the Board.

A Petition for digging out and regulating Lawrence Street (Sammuel Barker having contracted to do the same without expense to the Proprietors) from Houston Street to a Station 150 Feet North of Spring Street. was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Broome Street for the establishing of a Fire Engine in said vicinity, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

[218] The Committee appointed to conduct the Arbitration between the Corporation and Peter H Schenck Reported

That the Arbitrators who were chosen by the Parties were not able to agree in an award, and accordingly made choice of Caleb S Riggs Esquire as an Umpire; and that the matters in difference have been heard and decided by him. The Committee have the honor to lay before the Common Council herewith the award made by Mr Riggs by this award it is adjudged that such part of the premises in controversey as was situated South and East of the Ground occupied by the Oswego Market, when that Market was finally taken down, now of right belongs to the Corporation as a public Street or that the Public are now of right entitled to the use of the same as a public Street—and further that Mr Schenck do within 30 Days from the date of the award (viz from July 1st 1812) pay to the Corporation the sum of $8357, and that upon the payment of that Sum the Corporation execute to Mr Schenck a release of all their right to such part of the said ground as Mr Schenck [219] is now building upon and improving—and it is further adjudged that such part of the premises in controversy as was covered by the Oswego Market House immediately before and at the time the same was taken down and removed is the Property of the said Peter H Schenck and that he is entitled to the possession thereof as far as relates to any right or title which the Corporation have or claim to the same and further that if any part of this ground is required for the widening and improving Maiden Lane as now regulated and the Corporation and Mr Schenck cannot agree upon the sum to be allowed to Mr Schenck for the same, then the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York shall as soon as conveniently may be, proceed according to the directions and provisions of the acts of the Legislature in such case made and provided to have the damages and recompense due to Mr Schenck as the owner of the said ground assessed, and that the Corporation shall pay the same when finally determined upon, within 30 Days thereafter

The Committee beg leave to state to the [220] Common Council that Messrs Harrison & Wells have (under the authority of the Com-

mittee) been employed as Assistant Council for the Corporation in this investigation; they accordingly recommend that a Warrant for $100 be issued to pay a Fee of $50 to each of them

All which is respectfully submitted

(Sig^nd) John Morss
Wm J Waldron
D S Jones
Elisha W King

Which report was accepted and the following Committee were appointed to treat with Mr Schenck viz Mr King Mr Hawes Mr Waldron

And also Resolved that the Corporation report a Warrant for $100 for payment of Messrs Harrison and Wells assistant Councils of the Corporation

The Attorney of the Board, reported that penalties had been incurred by Capt Jones for not reporting Passengers agreably to Law but as it had not been done intentionally [221] he recommended a remission on the usual terms, which was approved.

The Council of the Board presented the Draft of a Law prescribing the form of Certificates for the New York City Stock and for other purposes, which after some consideration was postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

A Communication of Mr Schultz on the subject of a Tellegraph invented by him was read and referred to the Committee of Defence

A Letter of Dr Buchanan stating that an anonymous communication had appeared in the Newspaper falsely charging him with a neglect of duty as Physician of the Corporation and exonerating himself therefrom, was read.

A Petition of Robert S Clark, holding Stall No 47 Hudson market and William Vonck holding Stall No 42 in the same Market praying permission to exchange Stalls, and a Petition of Robert Kennah for a Stall [222] in Corlears Hook Market, were read, and the prayers thereof granted.

A Petition of Robert Kenah praying remission of a penalty under the market Law incurred by him was read & referred to the Attorney with authority to remit the same.

A Petition of Fire Engine Company No 18 for a New Engine and Hose their present Engine being old and almost useless was read and referred to the Chief Engineer

A Petition of William Tilton for permission to pile Bricks in Wall

Street on the scite of the Old City Hall, and on motion that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition, the question having been taken and a division having been called for it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative Alde[n] Mesier, Douglass, Pell, Carpenter, Buckmaster, Mes[rs] Lawrence, Jones, Waldron, Drake, Hardenbrook, Wilson,

Negative Alder[n] Wendover, Morss, Fish, Cunningham, Mes[rs] King, Hedden Titus, Hawes

[223] A Petition of Leonard Nichols praying a Remission of a penalty under the Market Law, and also praying permission to sell meat in his house was read, and the penalty remitted—but the other part of the prayer was not granted.

The Council of the Board presented agreably to direction a Law to regulate Hackney Carriages which was read by paragraphs and agreed to. It was then referred to the following Committee to report their opinion as to filling up the Blanks in the Section relative to the Fare which the proprietors of such Carriages should be entitled to charge The Committee were Alde[n] Mesier Carpenter Wendover

The Council of the Board also presented the draft of "a Law to prevent the setting off or discharging Squibs Crackers or other Fire Works" which was read by paragraphs and passed. But it was resolved that the opperation of the same should be stayed until after the next Meeting of the Board.

[224] A Report from John Randell Jun[r] in conformity with a Resolution of the Common Council of the 24 June 1811, was read, stating that he had measured North Street from the Bowery Lane to Lewis Street, That the Streets coming into North Street from the South were so irregular as to make it impracticable to obtain their points of intersection with North Street by ranges, with any degree of precission, Whereupon ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on su[r]veys

The Committee on the Petition of William Mooney presented a Report, which was read and the further consideration thereof postponed

The Committee on the petition of Dominick Lynch Reported. That as M[r] Lynch has not yet taken a grant for the priveledge of Docking in front of his Lots at the place mentioned in the petition Your Committee are of opinion that the further consideration of the subject of the Petition should be postponed until M[r] Lynch shall have re-

ceived a Grant of the Corporation of the Land and Water referred to in the said petition which is respectfully submitted

[225] (Signed) G. Buckmaster
Michael M Titus
G N Bleecker Comptr
Saml Stilwell St Comsr

which was agreed to.

The Council of the Board presented the draft of a Law entitled "a Law to regulate Pawn Brokers the consideration of which was postponed.

The Committee on the Petition of Thomas & George Lovett, Reported That a ballance of $305.25 remains due the estate of John Lovett deceased, the Father of the Memorialists, for regulating Pitt Street, from Stanton to North Streets. John Lovett Junr executor of the estate is represented in the memorial as having been absent from the City about fifteen Months, and the Memorialists are fearful that he will never return; and they hold a judgement against him for $1710.88.

They wish the payment of the above ballance to them, if it can be done with propriety, either absolutely or under such conditions as the Board may deem meet

The Subscribers think it would be just [226] to pay the balance due, on the execution to the Corporation of a Bond of Indemnity to be approved by the Council of the Board. And they accordingly recommend the same

respectfully submitted

Saml Stilwell St Comsr
G N Bleecker—Compt

which was agreed to, and upon the execution of said Bond the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant for payment of the same

The following Resolution of Fire Engine Company No 39 was read,

The Members of Fire Engine Company No 39 feeling in common with their fellow Citizens, the liveliest solicitude in the present critical and unpropitious State of our National concerns; desire most respectfully to state to your honorable Board;

That well aware of the danger to which the Inhabitants of large Cities are exposed in time of war, from internal riots & comotions, which are to be seriously apprehended, more especially at the present time in our City and also conscious that if such occurrences are per-

mitted to pass unchecked they will in process of [227] time degenerate to serious and alarming evils;

We the subscribers, members of the aforesaid Company, do hereby of one accord, volunteer to the Chief Magistrates of our City our services, to act under their direction, as a body for the purpose of assisting in the quelling of any riot or disturbance which may occur; reserving to ourselves however the privelege of being commanded by our own Officers, without the interference of any Military Officer whatever

As soon as the pleasure of your hon[l] Board is communicated to our commanding Officer we will immediately take proper Steps for our proper equipment &[c] for the above purpose

In Witness whereof we have hereunto affixed our signatures this 3[d] day of July 1812.

(Signed) Gilbert B Mott Foreman.

Henry Lott—John M. Read Ass[t] Foreman—W[m] W. Kenney—Thomas N Stanford Secretary—Jacob Stoughtenburgh—Joseph F Gerry—Thos W Hoyt—Uzziah Wenman. John E Marcellin—John Sutherland—W[m] M[c]Donald [228] Andrew Wright Jun[r]—Charles D Stonehouse—Jediah Morris—E Talbot—John Wilson—John Tallman—W[m] Bull—Charles A Floyd Nathaniel Merrit—John Dickson—W[m] Leary

Whereupon Resolved that the offer of the said Company be accepted.

A report of the Chief Engineer the Resolutions of the Firemen on the subject of the Resolutions of the Board of the last meeting was read and ordered to be filed.

The Committee of Defence presented the following Report

That tho' they have not been advised of any direct communication having been made from the Executive of the United States on the subject of their last Report to the Common Council respecting the defence of this City, yet they have been informed that instructions have been this day received directing additional works to be made on this Island at Corlears Hook & on the North River

While your Committee are of opinion [229] that the interior line of defence of this Harbor has been projected with skill and executed with ability, and may in the last Resort be of importance, Yet they are decidedly of opinion that the protection and defence of the City ought not to rest upon them, but should be placed on strong & efficient Works at the Narrows where the attacks of an invading Naval Force

may be resisted and repelled without involving the necessary or probable damage, if not destruction of the City they are intended to protect

They would therefore beg leave to report as their Opinion that the Executive of the United States should be earnestly solicited to carry into effect the remaining part of the plan of defence heretofore proposed by Colonel Williams of the Corps of Engineers and that measures might be taken for immediately commencing Works at the East side of the Narrows in conformity with said plan, and opposite to the works erected by this State

All which is respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Nicholas Fish
P C V^n Wyck
Thos Carpenter
[230] E W King
S Jones Jun^r
Geo Wilson
Peter Mesier
John Drake
A H Lawrence
Peter Hawes
Geo[r]ge Buckmaster
John Morss

Which was approved of and his Honor the Mayor was requested to forward a Copy of the same to the President of the United States

On Motion of Alderman Carpenter Resolved that the Attorney of the Board be instructed to suspend for the period of 30 Days any further proceedings in the Suits brought against Miller and Spencer Tenants under Lessees of the Corporation

Resolved that the Tables of the Common Council Chamber be numbered agreably to the Wards of the City, beginning on the right hand of the President

That each Member have a Desk to himself and that the Members be seated by Wards at the Table

[231] The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	7323.35
Warrants not Presented	1385.15
	5938.20

Whereupon his Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrants for payment of the following Accounts

Lawrence & Vn Wart Watch		498.75
Farrington & White	Do	621.25
Hays & Bogart	Do	670.25
Angevine & Hedden	Do	315.
J Morton City Inspr & Clerk 1 Qr Saly 4th & 10th Inst		437.50
S Stilwell Street Comsr 1 Qr Saly & expenses paid for collect		378.60
R Graves Asst Do 1 Mo 1 Inst		65.
N Fish Esqr Chain Comte Funeral Procession of late Vice President		376.91
Hunt & Vn Nostrandt Expenses Ferry House L I. ordered 29 June		15.50
Oliver Waldron Overseer Roads 1 Mo 1 Inst		253.56
Nathan Sanford Inst on Bond $2000 1 Year 4 May 1812		140.
Oneil & Lee repairs Wells 3. 4 6. 8 Wds		50.84
Comstock & Sawyer Oil furnished Lamp Committee payable 1 July		781.55
[232] H Lannuier Mahogany Chairs &c for Comn Council		409.
Saltus Son & Co Cordage & materials for Signals		37.74
Jas Kelly Acct paving Hester St		140.
Archibald Smith carting Earth &c to Chatham Park & painting Fence		125.37
John Bailey paving Intersections		51.19
David Marsh & other Assessors Fees for opening Amity Street		45.
Pat Kane paving Intersections Nassau & Frankford Streets		40.50
Jas Vincent balc due for Work at Collect		11.25
Jacob P Roome Supr Repairs to pay Workmen		100.
		5564.76
	Balance =	373.44

[233] In Common Council July 13th 1812.

present The Honl De Witt Clinton Mayor President
Pierre C Van Wyck Esqr Recorder.

Thomas Carpenter	Aldermen	Peter Hawes
Charles Dickenson		Augustine H Lawrence
Richard Cunningham		Elisha W King
John Morss		George Wilson
George Buckmaster		Josiah Hedden
Peter H Wendover		William J Waldron
Nicholas Fish		Wm A Hardenbrook
John Pell.		John Drake

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of William Neilson and of Philip Ferris praying remission of penalties incurred under the Market Law, and petitions of Isaac R Varian and Samuel Percy praying licence to sell meat at

their own Houses were severally read—and Resolved that petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions.

[234] A Petition of Moses Ward praying permission to land plaister of paris on Pier N° 1 and to sell the same from thence, was read, and Resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A Resolution of the Board of Health requesting the Common Council to assign them a Room for their Meetings to be held in, was read and referred to the Building Committee with authority to assign a Room to them.

A Memorial of William Schultz was presented stating that he had invented and obtained Patents for the following Machines, Viz a Machine for wartering the Streets of a City which shall by its own machinery supply the necessary water—A Fire Engine calculated to deliver more water and to be worked with more facility than any yet invented, and a Machine for saving persons and Effects in cases of Fire. Which several Machines he begged might be examined by a Committee of the Common Council and if found of public utility that they might [235] be adopted

Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants for a Pump in Grand Street near the Intersection of Mercer Street was read and referred to the Alderman & assistant of the 8th Ward and the Superintendant of Repairs—And the Council of the Board was requested to report an ordinance conformably to the late Law of the State regulating the sinking of Wells in this City.

A Petition of William Appleby for licence to sell meat by the Quarter at the West end of the Hudson Market, was read, and referred, to the Alderman & Assistant of the 3d Ward.

A Letter of John H Eddy was presented, stating that he was preparing a Chart of the Harbor of New York exhibiting every part of the Coast with a delineation of the various Ship & Boat channels, with the soundings That as the undertaking was too hazardous and expensive to be undertaken by an Individual he prayed such assistance as the [236] Common Council should judge it expedient to grant him

Whereupon Resolved that it be referred to the Committee of Defence, with authority to grant such aid to the Petitioner, as they should deem proper & advisable.

Petitions of Margaret Fredrick and Margaret Magan for stands in the Market for the sale of Vegetables, were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Wm Harrison for remission of penalty for selling liquor without license, was read, and Resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition.

A Petition of James Farrel for remission of a penalty incurred under the auction Law was read and referred to the Attorney with authority to remit the whole or part of the fine in his discretion.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies—Those who were recommended [237] to fill the vacancies of certain persons expelled, and Henry Passenger in No 19. were referred back to the Chief Engineer for further Information

Floating Engine.

Isaac Williams, Shoemaker, No 3 Lombard St 4th Wd vc A Quick resd

John McCullough—Cooper. 13 Burling Slip 4th Wd vc Wm Stevens resgd

Hook & Ladder Compy No 4

George Haptman. Carpenter 12 Doyer St 6 Wd
John Rossiter Hatter 1 Bowery Lane 10 Wd
William Davison Mercht 80 Chatham St 6 Wd
Mason Seely. Grocer 60 Rutgers St 7 Wd
William S. Beathell Chandler No 34. Catharine St 4th Wd
Joseph Whitson Grocer 60 Second St 10th Wd
David Loper gunsmith 121 Hester St 10 Wd
Francis Raymond. Hatter No 43 Mott St 6 Wd
Lears Hatch Hatter 21 Lombardy St 7 Wd
Wm Valentine. Papermaker 9 Mott St 6 Wd
George Brown Hatter 325 Pearl St 4 Wd
Frederick Seely Shoemaker 88 James St 4th Wd
Wm Freeman Cabnt Maker 31 Bayard St 10th Wd

To compleat the Company

F. E. C. No 19

James Reynolds. Grocer. Hester St 10 Wd vc Danl Hudson removed
Abraham Fisher. cartman 64 Pump St 10 Wd
vc Israel Carpenter Do

F E Comp No 27.

Martin Powlis. Carpenter. 150 Reed St 5 Wd
vc Wm Wickham removed
Jacob Richmond. Cordwainer 5 West St 5 Wd
v. Lewis Thomas Do

[238] F. Eng Comp N° 2.

Gilbert Davis. Grocer. 172 Division S^{t} 10th W^{d} v^{c} David Neverro res^{gd}

The Attorney reported that Capt^{s} Burnet Harding, Couthony, Ripley & Bond had incurred penalties by not reporting passengers. but as the omission was not fraudulent he recommended the remission of the penalties upon the usual terms, which was agreed to.

The Comptroller reported, on the account of B Skaats by which it appeared he had received $932.95 and that he had expended in the purchase of fuel $939.15 leaving a Balance due to M^{r} Skaats on the 8th Inst of $6.20. Which was approved and ordered to be filed.

The Attorney agreably to the direction of the Board, presented the counterpart of the Lease from M^{r} Vredenburgh for ground in the Bowery on which to erect an Engine House

Which was ordered to be duly executed.

The Comptroller presented a Report on [239] the subject of the account of Stephen Hitchcock—a Motion was made that the same be referred to a Select Committee, on the question of agreeing to the same a Division having been called by Alderman Wendover it was carried in the affirmative, as follows,

Affirmative Alde^{ns} Carpenter, Dickenson, Cunningham, Morss, Fish, Pell, Mess^{rs} Hawes, Lawrence, King, Wilson, Hedden Drake Hardenbrook.

Negative Alder^{ns} Buckmaster, Wendover, M^{r} Waldron,

Whereupon the following Committee were appointed Aldermen Douglass. Morss. Carpenter.

The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment for paving James Street from Chatham to Cherry Street, which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner on the petition for widening and repaving Bridge Street reported, that in his opinion " That the widening of Bridge Street at this time would not [240] sufficiently accomodate the public to the act—which Report was approved

The Street Commissioner on the Petition *o*for digging out Lawrence Street at the Expense of the Petitioners, Reported that in his opinion the prayer should be granted which was agreed to.

The Chief Engineer on the Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 18, Reported

That agreably to referrence of Engine Company N° 18. that he has carefully examined the Engine and Hose and finds their statement

correct, and that the probable expense of putting the Engine (only) in complete repair, will be from four hundred and fifty to five hundred Dollars. He therefore suggests for your consideration the propriety of disposing of this Engine, which may probably be sold for three hundred Dollars; and respectfully recommends that the request of said Company be granted.

(Sign^{d}) Thomas Franklin. Cheif Eng^{r}

NB There is now for sale (nearly compleated) a new Engine of 6½ In Diam^{r} with 100 ft new hose which may be purchased for from $700 to $730

[241] which was approved and the Chief Engineer was directed to carry the same into effect.

The Law to Regulate Pawn Brokers &^{c} was taken up and considered by paragraphs and agreed to, and the Clerk was directed to publish the same in the papers employed by this Board

The Law to prevent the setting off or discharging Squibs Crackers or other Fire Works was reconsidered, amended, and finally passed, and directed to be published.

Resolved that the Finance Committee and the Comptroller be authorized out of any monies arrising from the new Loan or City Stock to pay off such of the Bonds of this Corporation bearing an Interest of 7 per Cent as they shall judge expedient.

Resolved that the Council, under the direction of the Ferry Committee, Report an ordinance to regulate Ferries in conformity with the Law of this State passed at the last session of the Legislature.

[242] On Motion of M^{r} Hardenbrook

Resolved that the copies of the Laws passed at the last session of the Legislature of this State on the application of this Board be referred to a select Committee, and that the said Committee be requested to ascertain and report as nearly as possible what will be the probable amount of cost for publishing the same in Pamphlets

Committee appointed were M^{r} Hardenbrook M^{r} Waldron M^{r} Wilson

The resignation of Beal N Lewis as Inspector of the Election in the 7th Ward for an Assessor was presented and accepted and Benj^{m} S Knapp was appointed in his place.

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	12,912.46
Warrants not presented	1164.90
	11,747.56

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrants for payment of the following accounts.

[243] Wm M Summers Inspr of Bread 1 Qr Salv 9 Inst Balc	91.55
Charles Holt 6 mo Subscription Columbian 1 Inst	37.50
Francis Lynch Inspr Bread 1 Qr Salv 10th Inst	78.80
Jas Jenkins Iron mongery for public Buildings 6 Mo 1 Inst	177.97
Geo Buckmaster work done Jail	149.
John Fine repairing Pumps 1. 5. 8 Wds sundries	226.44
Matthew Banks Do 7. 10 Wds	57.43
Ephraim Ginnings Supdt Lamps 1 Mo 11 Inst	495.41
D S Jones for Richard Harrisson & J Wells Asst Counsl in case of P Schenck	100.
Thos & Geo Lovett balc due estate of John Lovett decd for Pell St...	305.25
Abel W Hardenbrook 2 new Engines Nos 10 & 37 rebuilt No 13 & repairs from 18 May 1811—1 June 1812	2000.
John Randel Jr on Acct Su[r]veys	500.
John H Sickels Trer N City Hall	8000.
Richd Furman Treasr N Alms House	10,000.
Do Comsr Alms House	8000.
	26500.
Balc	1528.21

[244] At a special Meeting of the Common Council July 17th 1812

present The Honl De Witt Clinton Mayor President
Pierre C Van Wyck Esqr Recorder

Thomas Carpenter	Aldermen	Augustine H Lawrence	Assistants
Charles Dickenson		William J. Waldron	
John Morss		John Drake	
George Buckmaster		Peter Hawes	
Nicholas Fish		Wm A Hardenbrook	
Richard Cunningham		Samuel Jones	
Isaac S Douglass		George Wilson	
Peter H Wendover		Josiah Hedden	

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that having agreably to their request forwarded a Copy of their Resolution of 25th June last to the President of the U S & to the Government of this State and having received replies *replies* thereto, he had summoned the Council together for the purpose of laying them for their consideration

The Letter from the Secretary of War was then read in the words following

War Department July 11. 1812

Sir

Your Letter of June 26th containing a [244-A] representation from the Committee of the Common Council, relative to the means of defence which had been provided for the protection of the City of New York, with your other communication of the 7th Inst on the same subject, have been received by the President; and I am instructed to inform you that the Executive will continue his attention to that important object

I have the honor &c
Signed W Eustis

DeWitt Clinton Esqr
Mayor of the City of N York

The Letter from His Excellency the Governor was read as follows

Albany June 30 1812

Dear Sir

I have received your communication covering Resolutions of the Corporation upon the subject of the defence of New York The request that I would cause temporary Works to be thrown up on Denise's heights, has I presume been complied with by the ample discretion which was vested in the Commissioners by my last Letter. Should there be any further instructions or power that I can give which will be useful, I will thank you to notify me

I am Sir &c

The Honl (Signed) Daniel D Tompkins
DeWitt Clinton

[244-B] Whereupon the following Resolutions were presented and unanimously agreed to

The Common Council taking into consideration the situation of the port and Harbour of New York at the present crisis of our national affairs, considering that we are at hostility with the most powerful maratime nation of the world while the means provided for our defence are wholly inadequate to the purpose; while the points most material to our protection are entirely unfortified and for the defence of the works that have been erected no adequate number of Troops has been provided understanding further that the few Troops that have been stationed here are to be ordered immediately to the

northward. Under such circumstances the common Council are of opinion that they would be wanting in the duties which they owe to their fellow Citizens, to their Country and to their own conciences if they remained silent spectators of the present alarming situation of this City

Resolved therefore as the sence of this Common Council that the general government owe to the wealth, the population, & importance of the Port of N York to the prosperity of this State & of the Union that immediate measures should be taken for its effectual defence and that a representation to the effect be made to the president of the U. S. But as a personal representation would better enable the government to judge of the situation of this City & of the wishes & expectations of its Inhabitants. Resolved therefore [245] that Alde^{n} Fish Chai^{n} Com^{te} of Defence & Pierre C Van Wyck Esq^{r} Recorder of the City be & they are hereby appointed to repair forthwith to the seat of the Gen^{l} Government & to represent to the President of the U S the sentiments of the Com^{n} Council on the unfortified situation of this Port

Whereas the Legislature of this State have not authorized any purchase of land on the East side of the Narrows—And Whereas it appears that the Governor has empowered the Commissioners of Fortifications to erect works at that place for the defence of this port, and it being therefore necessary for this Board to procure the requisite land for that purpose. Therefore Resolved that the said Commissioners be authorized to negociate for the purchase of a quantity of land not exceeding five acres and that this Board will advance the necessary funds for that purpose in confidence that they will be reimbursed by the State

Ordered that a Warrant be issued in favor of the Chairman of the Committee of Defence for payment of a Raft of Timber by them purchased, on account of the Corporation for purposes of Defence

[246] In Common Council July 20th 1812.

present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Mayor President

Thomas Carpenter	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junr	Assistants
Charles Dickenson		Augustine H Lawrence	
Richard Cunningham		Elisha W King	
John Morss		George Wilson	
Isaac S Douglass		Josiah Hedden	
George Buckmaster		Michael M Titus	
Peter H Wendover		William J Waldron	
John Pell.		Wm A Hardenbrook	

The Attorney of the Board presented a lease to Henry Low for certain Corporation Lots in the 9th Ward, and Deeds for Collect Lots to the following persons viz

Jacob Smith	Lot No	6	Collect Lotts
Michael Cashman	"	7	Do
Thomas Egerton	"	8	Do
Do Do	"	9	Do
Do Do	"	10	Do
James Ridgway	"	Z	Do
Dominick Lynch	"	71	Do
Do Do	"	70	Do
Do Do	"	69	Do
John Van Orden [247]	"	68	Do
Hugh Smith	"	91	Do
Joseph D Fay	"	90	Do
Samuel Thompson	"	89	Do
Archibald Smith	"	62	Do
Dominick Lynch	"	61	Do
Richard Titus	"	59	Do
Michael Cashman	"	58	Do
James Vincent	"	65	Do
Michael Cashman	"	25	Do
Thomas Egerton	"	12	Do
David Lyons	"	24	Do
Michael Cashman	"	11	Do
David Lyons	"	23	Do
J Wm H De Neuville	"	57	Do
" "		56	Do
" "		66	Do
" "		67	Do
" "		55	Do

Joel Post & John B Lawrence Lot N° 1 at the old city Hall.
Peter A Schenck Lot at the corner of State St and Pearl St
Which were severally directed to be duly executed.

A Petition of Richard Symon praying [248] to be appointed an additional Clerk in the Comptrollers Department was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Petitions for pumps at the junction of 10th and Broome Streets and between Gouverneur & Cherry Streets, were read and granted upon the usual restrictions and under direction of the Aldermen and Assistants of the Wards & Superintendant of repairs

Petitions from John Akley. John Varick John Shane. Samuel Piney. Cornelius Vandenburgh & John Scott praying for permission to sell meat by the quarter in the Catharine Market, and from John Nash praying to have assigned to him Stall N° 44 at present occupied by John Tyler he being willing to relinquish the same, were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Walter Seaman to be appointed a guager, was read & granted.

A Petition from Charles Whitlow stating [249] that he had discovered a native plant which promissed to be of great utility in manufactures and for which he had obtained a patent, but that for want of funds he was not able to make a fair experiment of the same and praying a loan for that purpose, was read, whereupon Resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition.

A Memorial from Dominick Lynch was read, stating that he was owner of several Lots situated near Corlears Hook at the corner of Water and Walnut Streets, that he some time since built a Bulk head across the same, that he with the adjacent proprietors applied for a Water grant which was ordered to be granted to him, and he now prayed that a grant might be issued to him for the same.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

Resolutions of Fire Engine Companies N° 36 & N° 8 expressing their readiness on all occasions to aid the Magistrates in preserving [250] the peace, were read, whereupon Resolved that their services be accepted.

The Chief Engineer presented the following Report. That he has carefully attended to the several cases referred to him, and finds that Henry Thorne and John Martin were expelled from the floating Engine Company the former for neglecting his duty and refusing to

pay the fines for such neglect, and the latter for the same cause with the addition of disrespectful conduct, agreably to the Bye laws agreed to by said Company, and that Edward Blake, and Jacob Ryerson were both expelled from Engine Company N° 36 for a total neglect of their duties as firemen

And that Henry Pessenger proposed to supply the vacancy of Henry Willet in Engine Company N° 19 is a Minor

all which is respectfully submitted

(Sig^nd) Tho^s Franklin
Chf Eng^r

Which was approved, and Resolved that Henry Pessenger (a Minor) be not appointed a Fireman.

[251] The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

F Eng^n Comp^y N° 4

John Jaques, grocer, 55 liberty St, 2 W^d V^e Peter Neville res^gd

N° 24.

Freder Ridabock, Grocer, B^d Way, 8 W^d V^e John Gall res^gd

N° 35. Haerlem village

John Randle. Furrier Haerlem, 9^th W^d V J A Burtice res^gd

N° 36

Joseph Sellock Cartman, Hudson S^t 8 W^d Edw^d Blake
Isaac Requa D° Budd S^t 8^th W^d Jacob Ryerson } expelled

A Request of Hook and Ladder Company N° 3 for an addition of ten men to the Company and to be supplied with a new set of ropes, an ax a Lanthorn. a Torch and a new set of Wheels, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire department & the Chief Engineer.

A Petition of Abner Curtis Collector of Dog Tax praying to be allowed two assistants to enable him to carry the law into effect, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

A Memorial of Elias Nexsen and others holders of Canal Street Bonds, was read [252] stating that they understood that the Corporation mean to deduct from their Bonds, the sums which have been assessed upon them for opening Canal Street—but as that assessment will not generally be collected they pray that the whole amount of their Bonds may be paid to them

Ordered that the same be referred to the Canal Street Committee, the Finance Committee and the Comptroller

A Letter from John Vanderbilt Junr to George Wilson Esqr soliciting some relief to be given to a Mr Wilhelms, who was lately confined in Goal for debt, but whose release Mr Vanderbilt had procured by payment to the creditor—was read, and referred to the Committee of Charity.

The Attorney Reported that Captains Valder. Neil. Labory & Crane had incurred penalties by not reporting Passengers but as it arose from ignorance and misconception of the Law he recommended a remission of the penalties upon the usual terms.

Which was agreed to.

[253] The Street Commissioner presented the Assessments for repaving Batavia Lane, and for regulating and paving North Street from the Bowery Road to First Street, which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector of the former, and Morris De Camp of the latter.

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of G Mumford and others to ascertain the line of Broad way at Beaver Street reported

That he has examined the Line above mentioned and is of opinion that the line of the Houses as they now stand is the true line and ought not to be altered.

which is respectfully submitted

(signd) Saml Stilwell St Comsr

which was approved.

The Comptroller on the petition of William H Neuville Reported

That Mr Neuville purchased at auction the lease of said Cellar for Seven Years from 1 May 1811 at $45 per Annm At the time of sale it was understood that there was a Window and Door to each appartment, being Six in [254] number. On examination it was found that the one in question had neither window nor Door, and the Superintendant of Repairs was requested to have the work done, and to deliver the Key to the Lessee. Some considerable time elapsed before this was compleated and in consequence of the delay the cellar remained unoccupied the whole of the Year as the person for whom it was intended was obliged to find another tenement

From this representation of the Petitioner which is believed to be entirely correct it appears to be just and reasonable to relinquish the rent for the first year and agreably to the application of Mr Neuville to authorize the transfer of his Lease to Romaine for

the remainder of the term, on his executing a new Lease to the Attorney of the Board, and cancelling the old one

(Signed) G N Bleecker Compr

Which Report was confirmed.

The Market Committee, on the petition of the Inhabitants of the Village of Greenwich [255] Reported. That your Committee have had the subject under their consideration and are of opinion that the Inhabitants of the village of Greenwich cannot on account of the distance be supplied with any convenience, with meats vegetables &c from any of the existing Markets and that their application on this subject ought to be granted

Your Committee have received a proposition from Garret Gilbert Esqr purporting that provided the Corporation will take the subject under their management and establish a public market at the village of Greenwich, he will for this object grant to the Corporation for the period of Seven Years rent free the house and Lot of ground situated on the south west corner of Greenwich and Henry Street, being twenty five feet on Greenwich and fifty feet on Henry St.

Believing this situation to be as eligible and as convenient as any that can be selected. And moreover being informed that the Inhabitants of this village will without delay fix up said Building on said Lot as a good and sufficient public Market, provided the Corporation will appropriate for this object the sum of one hundred and fifty Dollars

[256] Your Committee therefore recommend that the Corporation accept of the said proposition of the said Garret Gilbert and establish on said Lot a public Market, and appropriate to the fixing and fitting up for this object, the said Building the sum of one hundred and fifty Dollars

All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Peter Mesier
Augus H Lawrence
John Pell
Thos Hedden
Michl M Titus

Which was confirmed and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant in favor of the Chairman of the Market Committee for $150.

The Committee on the Petition of J Langley presented a Report

favorable to the petitioner, when on the question of agreing to the same it passed in the negative.

The Committee on the petition of James G Jones reported as their opinion that it was a case properly referable to the Commissioner [257] of the Alms House, which Report was confirmed and the same was referred to the Commissioner of the Alms House

The Committee to whom was referred the complaint of the Inhabitants of the 10th Ward of nuissances deposited, Reported

That they attended to the causes of complaint which arise principally from the deposit of Manure and filth southerly of North Street. Your Committee on viewing this subject are led to believe if those persons who collect manure were prohibited from depositing the same southerly of North Street the nuissance would be in a great measure abated, and therefore recommend that they be prohibited accordingly under the same penalty as is provided against depositing the same south of attorney and Rivington Streets

which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) John Pell
Saml Stilwell St Comsr
J Morton City Inspr

which Report was confirmed and the ordinance on that subject was amended so as to extend [258] the Line through North Street to the River instead of through Attorney & Rivington St

The Committee on the petition of Christian Bergh and others Reported, That they have examined the ground appropriated as a Slip called Governeurs Slip together with other places along the East River above George Street and are of opinion that the distance from Catharine Market to said Slip is too great for the Inhabitants in that vicinity, and that they may be permitted to erect at their Expense a Market House on said ground under the direction of the Market Committee.

Which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) J Hedden
Mich M Titus
A H. Lawrence
John Pell.

which Report was approved.

A Proposal was laid before the Common Council by Alderman Pell for establishing a Market on a piece of ground between Orange

and Rynder Street and fronting Grand Street, which was referred to the Market Committee

[259] The Committee appointed to treat with Mr Peter H Schenck presented a Report which was read and the further consideration thereof postponed

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed forthwith to cause the grounds taken to open the 2d, 3d & 8th Avenues and the Lots adjacent thereto which agreably to the Act of the Legislature of this State will be affected by the Assessment for opening the same to be accurately surveyed and the several Owners and Proprietors thereof to be carefully and with precission ascertained.

Permission was given to Garrit B Abeel to make a Vault in the Street opposite to his Lot in Cherry Street

The Comptroller Reported.

Cash in the Treasury	14,957.53
Warrants not presented	107.58
	14,849.95

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrants for payment of the following accounts

[260] Isaac P Payn timber purchased by Comte Defence Warrant pd	5976.16
Lawrence & Vn Wart. Watch	498.75
Farrington & White "	621.25
Hays & Bogart "	670.25
Angevine & Hedden "	315.
H Andrew Upholsterers Bill furniture Common Council Chamber	2002. 3
Wm Mandeville. Tables Desks &c Do	519.34
John Crigier gilding cornices Stars Canopy	300.
M Gelston 2 Fire rugs	55.
J Morton to pay R Kents Bill Dinner 4 July	380.
B Hart 14 Casks powder 4 July	249.62
B S Knapp J Smith & S Ackerly Insprs 7 Ward for Assessor	18.
Geo B Reid Clerk Do	6.
Saml Brower 3 Mo Subs Pub Advzr 5 July	18.75
Stephen Stephens Tax Books and Stationary from 21 Dec 1811 to 20 July 1812	42.31
Waters Furman 109 Loads Manure at Park at Potters field Dec 1810	74.94
Jas Richardson repairing Wells. 1. 4. 6. 10 Wds	47.93
John Hancock repairs to pumps	40.20
Archibald Smith building Sewer Beekman Slip	200.
Jas Kell[y] Acct paving Hester St from Broadway to Rynder Streets	150.
[261] H Hulshart Inspecting, paving Fourth, Hester, & James St	62.29
S Stilwell surveying and making Assessment Roosevelt St drain	20.
Saml Sears Balc due of Canal St Bond to 21 July 1812	738.97

Jacob P Roome Superintendant Repairs to pay Workmen.....	500.
John McComb paymasr New—Hall.....	1250.
	14756.79
Balc	93.16

[262] In Common Council July 27th 1812.

present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistants
Thomas Carpenter	Samuel Jones Jr
Richard Cunningham	Peter Hawes
John Morss	Augustine H Lawrence
George Buckmaster	Elisha W King
Peter H Wendover	George Wilson
John Pell.	Josiah Hedden
	Wm J Waldron
	Wm A Hardenbrook
	John Drake.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

Petitions were received from John A Martin—Stephen Hilliker Snr & Wm Harlow praying permission to sell me[a]t by the quarter in the lower Catharine Market—from Wm Perine—John Hutson—Philip Jacobs—John Somerndyke—John K Floor—& Stephen Smack for Stall No 22 Catharine Market vacant by the death of Robert Lovell [263] from Stephen Hilliker Jr John Parsell—Danl Fine—John White —Caleb Conklin—James Owens—& Dennis Valentine for a Stand in the Catharine Market—from John Ludlum for a Butchers Stall in any of the markets of the City, from John A Tenbroeck for a Stall in the intended Greenwich Market—from Christian Harriot for a Stand in Catharine Market upon receipt of which he will give up the Stall No 33 Hudson Market now held by him, & from Coenrad Harriot for said Stall No 33 upon its being relinquished by sd Chrisn Harriot— Which several Petitions were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Memorial was received from James Watson and others in behalf of Philip Ferris who had been prosecuted under the Market Law for selling meat out of the market stating that as they resided at a distance from any market they had employed said Ferris to purchase meat for them, and praying the interposition of the Board on his behalf—Whereupon Resolved that Memorialists have leave to withdraw their memorial.

[264] Petitions were received for sinking Wells one in Elm S^{t} near Catharine Lane—one Corner Grand & Third Street, and one corner Hammond & Greenwich Street Which were severally referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the respective Wards and the Street Commissioner with authority to report ordinances in favor of Petitioners

A Petition of Scribner and Warts complaining of a sunken Lot in Front Street near Peck Slip, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward to report a statement of facts and with authority to remove the nuisance

A Request from the Senior Class of Columbia Colledge praying leave to put up Chains in Broad Way opposite Trinity Church on the 4th August next to prevent the passage of Carriages during the exercises of the Commencement of the College, was read and granted.

A Request of Amos Broad that Watchmen may be stationed in Row Street on Sundays [265] to preserve the peace, was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

Hook and Ladder Comp^{y} N^{o} 2.

Garrit B Abeel. Merch^{t} N^{o} 19 Robertson St 3 W^{d} v^{c} David M Cillillo	Joined Hook & Ladder Co N^{o} 4
Ebenez^{r} Whiting. Watch maker 381 Pearl St 4 W^{d} v^{c} Peter Cullen	

A Petition of Christopher Ryder to be appointed a City Measurer, was read and granted.

Permission was given to George Lord to erect a Lime House in the Bowery for the purposes of a House he was about erecting.

A Request of Robert Boston, stating that he had discovered a seam of Coal in the vicinity of the City and praying the loan of the Boring Machine, was read and granted after the same was returned by Capt^{n} Bombford of the U S Corps of Engineers to whom it was at present loaned.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants praying that a Watchman may be stationed at the [266] corner of Orange and Pump Street was read and referred to the Watch Committee

A Memorial of the Purchasors of Lots in Hamilton Square praying the Board will take into consideration and decide as soon as practicable upon their application made to the Common Council in

December last was read and referred to Mr Jones Aldm Carpenter Aldm Douglass

A Petition of John White and John Farrington Captains of the 2d District Watch was read stating that the Watch House of said District in Chatham Square is not large enough for the purposes of the Watch, they represented that a convenient Lot on 3d Street being 37½ feet front & 87 feet deep could be purchased for $1650 which purchase they recommended to be made—Whereupon Resolved that it be referred to the Watch Committee, with authority to purchase the same and to report as to the propriety of selling the House and Lot at present occupied by the Watch.

[267] The City Inspector presented drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 530 to N° 570, which were passed.

The Attorney reported that Captn Tardy had incurred a penalty by not reporting passengers, but as he believed it arose from inadvertence, he submitted to the Common Council the propriety of remitting the penalty which was agreed to on the usual terms.

Resolved that the 2d 3d & 8th Avenues be forthwith opened, and that application be made agreably to Law to the judges of the Supreeme Court for the appointment of Commissioners for that purpose. Resolved also that the following be a Committee to carry the same into effect viz Mr Jones Aldm Fish Aldm Mesier

The Committee to whom had been referred the account of the Coroner reported, "that the fees of the coroner for taking a view & inquisition are fixed by Law at three Dollars seventy five cents and from the best information your Committee [268] have been able to obtain it has been usual for the Common Council to allow the Corroner the additional Sum of one Dollar and fifty six cents to defray contingent expenses in such case where an Inquisition has actually been taken—Your Committee are sensible that the fees of the coroner in many cases are inadequate to services rendered but as his fees are regulated by a law of this State they submit whether it would be proper in the Common Council to make any further addition than they have already done.

all which is submitted
(Sigd) E W King
D S Jones

which Report was approved and it was determined that no further allowance be made than those allowed by the Committee

Resolved that it be recommended to the Citizens of this City to abstain from all business and recreations on Thursday next the 30 Inst and observe the same as a day of humiliation fasting and prayer agreably to the proclamation of his Excellency the Governor [269] of this State—and that the Clerk give notice of this recommendation in all the newspapers employed by this Board

Resolved that the following persons be admitted within the Bar. viz

The Attorney of the Corporation
" Comptroller
" Street Commissioner & one assistant
" City Inspector & one Do
" Superintendant & Com[s] Alms House
" Chief Engineer
" Superintendant of Repairs.

Ordered that the Superintendant of repairs cause direction Boards to be put up in the several Streets of the City wheresoever he shall find the same necessary.

The Comptroller reported cash in the Treasury—about..... 28.000

Warrants not presented.

Whereupon his Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrants for payment of the following accounts

DeWitt Clinton Esq[r] Mayor 1 Q[r] Sal[y] due 12 May 1812.....	1750.
[270] P Mesier Ch[r] Market Com[te] for Market Greenwich.....	150.
L Lewis 6 mo Subscription Commercial Advertiser 1 Inst.....	37.50
B Skaats to pay ring[s] 17 Bell 4 July.....	38.25
Jonathan Allen & J Taylor Officers at Election 7 W[d] Assessor.....	6.
David Stilwell repair[s] pumps 4. 6 W[ds].....	90.75
Henry Brush Do 7. 10[th] Do.....	81.50
Tho[s] & Geo Lovett Acct paving Broome St from Suffolk to Manning	400.
James Kelly paving Hester St from Broadway to Rynder St.....	130.
Lewis Ford & others Assessors on 6 Streets.....	125.
Hugh Smith 5000 loads Earth carted to the Collect.....	237.50
Comstock and Sawyer 1172 Galls Oil bought by lamp Committee.....	906. 8
H Remsen Pres[d] Manhatt[n] Bank Int[st] on Bond 6 mo 1 Inst.....	1500.
J Slidell Pres[dt] Mechanics Bank Inst on Bond to 1 Aug[st] 1812.....	1030.
Elizabeth Archer bal[c] due on Canal St Bond in full to 28 Inst.....	2618.31
John V B Varrick Do Do Do	2339.50
Edward J Ball Do Do Do	1195.49
Jno McLeod Exc[tr] Estate J Warner dec[d] Int[st] 2 Bonds in full to 26 Inst	870.58
[271] Abel W Hardenbrook for new Engine & repairs to 1 June 1812 balance	1992.27
Richard Furman Trea[s] N Alms House.....	5000.
Do Sup[d] Alms House.....	4000.

Charles Dickenson Trs Bd Health	600.
J McComb Jnr paymaster N City Hall	2000.
B Skaats to purchase fuel N City Hall	700.
	27.798.73
Balance	201.27

[272] In Common Council August 3d 1812

present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	Samuel Jones Jr
Thomas Carpenter	Peter Hawes
Charles Dickenson	Augustine H Lawrence
Richard Cunningham	Elisha W King
John Morss	George Wilson
Isaac S Douglass	Josiah Hedden
George Buckmaster	Michael M Titus
Peter H Wendover	Wm J. Waldron
Nicholas Fish	John Drake.
John Pell.	

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved

A Petition of Mary Varian Wife of Richd Varian praying remission of a penalty incurred by selling Articles in the market without License, was read, and Resolved that petitioner have leave to withdraw her Petition.

A Petition of Wm Conray praying relief upon Assessment for repaving James Street [273] was read and referred to the Street Commissioner and alderman & assistant of the Ward.

An Invitation to the members of the Common Council to attend the annual Commencement of Columbia College on tuesday 4th Inst was read, whereupon Resolved this Common Council will attend agreably to said invitation

A Communication from Garrit Gilbert Esqr Clerk of the City and County, stating, certain Expenses necessarily incurred by him in the removal and arrangement of his Office in the City Hall and praying payment of the same was read and referred to Aldern Mesier Mr Lawrence Mr Waldron.

On Motion of Mr Jones it was ordered that the Clerk of the Common Council employ a suitable person to Index such of the Minutes of the Common Council as are not indexed and to cause the papers which were in his office previous to his appointment to be examined and duly arranged.

[274] A Communication was received from the steam ferry Boat Company stating, that owing to unexpected delays from Workmen the construction of the pawles Hook steam Boat was delayed beyond their expectation—that the work of the second boat is in considerable forwardness but they think it would be more advisable to delay the compleating of the second boat until a fair experiment is made of the first, that all the inconveniences and imperfections of the same (if there are any) may be amended in the second. They therefore pray that the time for building the second agreably to their contract may be extended until the 1st June next. They also state that it would be convenient to the public and to themselves that a small Ferry house should be built near the bridge, and they request permission to erect the same—They also suggest the propriety of establishing a stand for Market Waggons that may cross in the Boats, and they also request that a Watchman may be assigned to the care of the Steam Boat at night. Whereupon

Resolved that their request as to the [275] extension of time be granted—that the request respecting the erecting of a Ferry House and assigning a stand for market Waggons be referred to the Market Committee—and that the request respecting a Watchman be referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of John Craft for remission of a Fine recovered against him for selling liquors without licence was read and granted on payment of Costs.

A Petition of George Stemple praying remission of a fine incurred by driving his Cart beyond the speed directed by Law, was read, and ordered that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

The following person was appointed a fireman the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy

F Engn Compy No 20.

Henry Ruckle. coach maker 72 Warren St 5 Wd Vc Peter Keasler. resg

A Petition of Gilbert Hyslop for an appointment of Wood inspector was read and referred to the Committee on applications.

[276] A Letter from the Loan Officers stating that they have advertized the property of George B Ewart for sale was read and referd to the Comptroller & Council of the Board.

A Certificate was received from Garrit Gilbert Clerk of the City and County stating that at the Election in the 7th Ward on the 15th 16th & 17th days of July last for an Assessor in said Ward James

McMasters was duly elected by a Majority of votes, which was. ordered to be filed

A Petition of John A Weathershine was received stating that he had purchased a House in Chamber Street and that he presumed he had bought therewith the flagging in the Street in front of said House but that they had been taken away by order of the Street Commissioner, and he prayed the order of the Board in the premises

Whereupon it was ordered that he have leave to withdraw his petition

A Memorial of sundry persons Dealers in second hand Clothes complaining of [277] the ordinance lately passed regulating Pawn Brokers as oppressive upon them was read and referred to the Committee on Laws and Ordinances—And it was ordered that under the said ordinance the Commission or Licence which issues shall authorise persons receiving the same to deal as a Pawn broker and also as a dealer in second hand clothes.

A Petition of John and James Beekman stating that they were owners of Lots N° 51 52. 53. 54 fronting on broad Way, and of Lots N° 81. 82. 83 & 84 in the rear of the same fronting on Main St and also of sundry Lots between Spring St and Broom St that upon a late survey they find those Lots are deficient owing as they are informed to a mistake of the former Street Commissioner in marking the corners of Spring Street and Broom Street and they pray the interference of the Board

Whereupon Ordered that the same be referred to the Street Committee & Street Commissioner

A Petition of John Cross complaining of the non execution of duty by the City Inspector [278] respecting certain Lots in Cross Street that had been complained of, also stating that the Officers in the Street Commissioners Department did not do their duty and offering to do that duty for half the sum they receive, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner & City Inspector

A Letter from Charles Christian Esq^{r} one of the Special Justices on the subject of further powers to the police Magistrates, was read, and ordered to be filed.

A Resolution in the following Words was presented.

Whereas in the present critical situation of this City exposed to the invasion of an Enemy which may be facilitated by intelligence communicated by disaffected persons, And whereas the terrible scenes which have taken place in Baltimore, inculcate the expediency of adopting all proper prudential measures for averting similar calami-

ties from this City, fully confiding however in the pacific and orderly habits and sentiments of our fellow Citizens—[279] Yet determined that no precaution shall be wanting on our part Therefore

1st Resolved that a standing Committee of Police consisting of three persons shall be appointed with power to report from time to time such measures as they may deem proper for promoting the Police of the City and to act in concert with the Magistrates for that important object

2d Resolved that a Company not exceeding 100 active Citizens be organized in each Ward under the direction of the said Committee and the Police Magistrates as an extraordinary City Watch to be armed with Watch Clubs and to have a badge to place in their Hats when on duty written City Watch to have a Captain & Assistant and on the Alarm being made at the City Hall to assemble there and execute the orders of the Mayor and Magistrates

3d Resolved that the sum of 500 Dollars be placed at the disposition of the Committee of Police for the detection of Offenders and that a Warrant now issue for that sum

Upon the question being taken upon the 3d Clause a Division being called by Alderman Buckmaster, seconded by Aldern Wendover it [280] was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative. 14				Negative. 5.	
Alderman	Mesier	Messrs	Jones	Aldern	Douglass
"	Carpenter	"	Hawes	"	Buckmaster
"	Dickenson	"	Lawrence	"	Wendover
"	Cunningham	"	King	Messrs	Titus
"	Morss	"	Wilson	"	Waldron
"	Fish	"	Hedden		
"	Pell	"	Drake		

On the question of filling up the Blank in said Resolution with the sum of 8500 a Division having been called, it was carried in the affirmative as follows.

Affirmative 12

Aldern Mesier—Carpenter Dickinson Cunningham Morss—Fish Messrs Jones Lawrence Hawes King Wilson Hedden

Negative 7

Aldern Douglass Buckmaster Wendover Pell Messrs Titus Waldron Drake

[281] The question was then taken upon the whole of the Resolutions, and agreed to, and a Warrant was directed to issue agreably to said Resolutions

The Attorney reported that Captns Slaght & Smith had incurred penalties by not reporting Passengers but as it was not done wilfully he suggested the propriety of remitting the penalties which was agreed to upon the usual Terms

The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment for regulating and paving Oak Street from Augustus to Catharine St and the Assessment for paving Sugar loaf Street from Broad Way to church Street, which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector of the First and Morris DeCamp of the last assessment

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents upon the Assessment for paving Hester St Whereupon a Warrant was ordered to issue to the Collector for collecting the same.

[282] Mr Jones from the Committee on the subject of opening the 2d 3d & 8th Avenues reported the form of a petition to be presented to the Judges of the Supreme Court, which was approved, and the Council of the Board was requested under direction of the Committee on that subject to take the necessary measures for carrying the same into effect

Alderm Fish from the Committee appointed to wait upon the President of the U S with the Resolutions of the Common Council on the subject of the defence of the City reported verbally that the Committee had been received with all the respect and attention due to the representatives of the Corporation of the City of New York—that as his Colleague had not yet returned to the City he deemed it advisable to delay, making a full and formal Report until his return

Alderman Carpenter from the Committee to whom had been referred the complaint made at the last Meeting by Scribner & Warts reported that the parties complained of proposed leaving the dispute to a reference and he recom- [283] mended that the Board agree to the same and that the Superintendant of Repairs be appointed on the part of this Board, which was approved

An Ordinance entitled a Law to prevent the removal of ground from the Streets was presented by Alderman Wendover & passed.

Resolved that until the further orders of this Board the Clerk of the Common Council countersign the Certificates of City Stock issued by this Corporation

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury about	48500.
Warrants not presented	4226.27
	$43873.73

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrants for payment of the following Accounts

Lawrence & Vn Wart Watch	498.75
Farrington & White Do	621.25
Hays & Bogart Do	670.25
Angevine & Hedden Do	315.
James Hardie Asst City Inspr 1 Mo Saly 1 Inst	62.50
Mott Hicks Depty St Comsr Do Do	54.
[284] Adrian B Holmes Dep St Comsr 1 Mo Saly 1 Inst	54.
Samuel Green Do	54.
Wm P Holmes Keeper Potters Field Do	46.50
Joshua Secor Corroner Fees from 1st March to 1 June 1812	102.48
Hicks & Titus Shingles & Lath Bridewell	134.16
Comstock & Sawyer 1044 Galls Oil payb 4 Augt	807.25
Samuel Nichol St Lamps & sundry repairs	244.65
Amos Rooke Keeper Signal Poles 1 Qr 1 Inst & expenses	89.25
Jas Bayles acct paving First St from Stanton to North St	250.
John Van Blacoem pr 2 Canal St Bonds ballance in full	3488.52
Saml Jones Jr Canal St Bond Intst full	3076.97
W Fish advanced to pay 2 Canal St Bonds to C Dickenson	5664. 2
W Fish for amount liquidated on 9 Bonds subscribed to Loan	24,100.
Leonard Bleecker Treasr Free School Annuities granted by Legislature	1500.
Jno McComb Jr paymaster N City Hall	2000.
	43.833.55
Balance	40.18

[285] In Common Council August 10th 1812.

Present. The Honl De Witt Clinton Mayor President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Augustine H Lawrence	Assistants
Thomas Carpenter		Josiah Hedden	
Charles Dickenson		Wm J. Waldron	
Richard Cunningham		Wm A Hardenbrook	
Isaac S Douglass		John Drake	
George Buckmaster			
Peter H Wendover			
Nicholas Fish			
John Pell			

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved

A Petition was received from sundry Inhabitants of the 5th Ward stating that that part of the Ward in duane Street below broad Way and Hudson Street and Chapple Street from Warren to Anthony

Street needed additional Lamps to render it safe to the Citizens. Was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

[286] A Petition of Charles Stewart praying that a fine incurred by employing a Sweep under the age enjoined by the law might be remitted, was read and referred to the Council with authority to remit upon payment of costs.

The following Petitions were read and severally referred to the Market Committee Viz from Catharine Hawk for permission to sell vegetables—from Jacob Harryette—Stephen smack—Thomas Marshall & Robert Kenah for stands in the Market erecting at Greenwich, from Richard Ford for permission to sell Meat by the quarter in the fly or Catharine Market—from the Inhabitants in the Bowery praying that a Stand for the sale of meat may be established in the Bowery between Prince & Jones Street.

A Petition of Izabella Moore praying a Licence as a dealer in second hand furniture, and that she may be allowed one year for the payment of the sum affixed for the Licence, was read and laid on the Table

[287] A Petition from Ephraim Jennings stating that the contract which he entered into for the removal of the old City Hall had been on his part complied with, and praying that his bond for that purpose might be cancelled, was read, an[d] ordered that his bond be given up to him to be cancelled.

A Memorial from the Independant veteran corps of Artillery praying a Battery might be erected and confided to them for the defence of the same, was read and referred to the Committee of defence.

A Petition of Solomon Seixas to be appointed a weigh Master, was read & granted

The following Petitions for wells were received and referred to the alderman & assistants of the Respective Wards and Street Commissioner, with authority to report ordinances under the usual restrictions. viz for a Well in Elizabeth Street between Broome & Spring Street for one near corner Hester and & Crosby Sts—One corner Rector & Greenwich one near the corner of Delancy & Second Street [288] and one in North Moore Street between Hudson and Greenwich Street

A Petition of Lucretia Woolsey praying to be exempted from the payment of an assessment upon House and Lott N° 489. Pearl Street was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of W^m M Puntine Master of Ship Catharine Ray praying to be relieved from a penalty incurred by not reporting all the alien passengers which arrived in said vessel alleging that the circumstance arose from a mistake of the Mate of the Ship who made out the list of the passengers & not from any intention on his part to deceive, was read and referred to the Council with authority to remit the same upon bonds being given and on payment of all costs.

A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants against paving Banker Street was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

[289] A Petition from thomas Case was read stating that in the exercise of his duty as a Watchman he had arrested one W^m B Summers who was committing a breach of the peace, that for this a civil suit had been commenced against him but as he was a poor Man he was unable to defend it and prayed the interference of the Board. Whereupon Resolved that it be referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of Mess^rs Holmes & Brown to erect a Lime House in Second Street was read and granted.

A request from the Collectors of the 1^t & 2^d Wards for further time to collect and pay in the Tax, was read. Whereupon

Resolved that the time for paying in the Taxes by the several collectors of the City be extended 30 days from this date on condition of their Sureties contracting to be responsible for the payment of the same.

A Letter from John Brower appointed to collect the Warfage due on the property [290] purchased from Richard Varick, was read, and laid on the table.

A Request of D^r John Riddle to be permitted to dig a vault in the Street in front of his Lot in Duane Street near William Street, was read and granted under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

F Eng^n Com^y N^o 3

Abraham Quick Painter N^o 54 Broad S^t 5 W^d V Hen^y J Kip res^gd

F En^s Comp^y N^o 22.

W^m Murphy Carpenter 118 Hester St 10 W^d V^c J Steward resg^d

F Eng Comp^y N^o 33.

Sam^l White. Carpenter Water St 7 W^d Vce Cor^ns Bogart res^gd

The Attorney reported that Captns Rumley Brown—& Porter had incurred penalties by not reporting Passengers, but as it arose from mistake or ignorance of the Law he submitted the propriety of remitting the penalties on the usual terms, which was [291] agreed to. He also stated that Capt Lydiken had incurred heavy penalties by not being able to furnish sureties in Bonds for passengers brought by him, but as he was now able to give the requisite sureties he suggested the propriety of remitting the penalties on the usual terms. which was agreed to.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward and the Street Commissioner to whom had been referred petitions for Wells reported an Ordinance for a Well & pump to be made at such place in Broome Street between 3d & 4th Streets. and an ordinance for one to be made at such place in Grand Street between 2d & 3d Streets as the said Alderman And Assistant and Street Commissioner or any two of them should designate, which ordinance was passed and Soloman Wheeler. Peter F Cisco and Stephen Kingsland were appointed Assessors.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner also [292] reported a similar Ordanance for Well and Pump in Grand Street between Mercer and Green Street which was passed and George Ireland—Samuel Barker and Lemuel Skidmore were appointed Assessors and the Street Commissioner was drected to advertise for Contracts for performing the above, and it was ordered that this should be considered as a general direction to the Street Commissioner on all similar Ordinances hereafter.

The Market Committee on the *Petition of John K Floor reported, That upon examining into the merits of the respective applicants [they] are of opinion that the said Stall ought to be granted to the said John K Floor

(Sigd) J Hedden
John Pell
Peter Mesier
A H Lawrence

The Comptroller on the accounts of the Superintendant of Repairs Reported that he has examined said accounts. on the 16 Jany last there was a Balance of $27.92 [293] due the Corporation, he has received from that time to the 8th July last $3077.50 making together $3105.42 and has expended on the public Accounts agreably to vouch-

*Marginal note reads *See Page 262.*—ED.

ers produced $3031.59½ leaving a balance of $73 82½ due the Corporation on the 8th ult

(Sigd) G N B[l]eecker. Comptr

Which was ordered to be filed

The following Resolution was presented by Mr Lawrence and unanimously agreed to. Resolved, in consideration of the high sense entertained by the Corporation of the City of New York, of the important & beneficial Services rendered to the United States in general and more particularly to the interests and accomodation of this City, by his invention and improvements in Steam Boat navigation, that the freedom of this City be presented to Robert Fulton Esqr

An Invitation from the Steam Ferry boat Company to Witness the opperations of their Steam Boat across the Hudson to Pawles Hook on friday next and to dine at the City of Jersey on that day, directed to the [294] Mayor Alderman & Commonalty and the Clerk Comptroller and Attorney was read and Resolved that the same be accepted

The Committee on Surveys to whom the Report of Mr Randell had been referred reported verbally that they had examined the same and in their opinion the report of Mr Randell should be confirmed and that he be directed to divide the excess of ground in manner as stated in said Report. which was agreed to. The Report alluded to was in the words following. viz

In conformity to a resolution of the Corporation of the City of New York dated 24 June 1811 the Subscriber respectfully reports

That he has measured North St. from the Bowery Lane to Lewis Street. That the Streets coming into North St from the south are so irregular as to make it impracticable to obtain their points of intersection with North Street by ranges with any degree of precission

That the distance between the Westerly sides of First Street and Lewis Street as measured by him and reduced to horizontal [295] measure of a medium temperature is $4161.^{385}/_{1000}$ feet

The Street Commissioner certifies the distance between these points to be filed in his office as 4150 feet this leaves an excess of $11\,^{385}/_{1000}$ feet which if divided among the Streets in proportion to their width respectively will be as follows

From the Westerly side of First Street to the Westerly side of 2d Street	250.68584	Ft
2d to 3d	250.68584	
3d to 4th	225.61726	
4th to Orchard	225.61726	

orchard to 6th	225 61726	Ft
6th to Essex	225.61726	
Essex to Norfolk	250.68584	
" to Suffolk	250.68584	
" to Arrundle	250 68584	
" to Attorney	250 68584	
to Ridge	250 68584	
to Pitt	250 68584	
to Willet	250 68584	
to Sherrif	250 68584	
to Columbia	250 68584	
to Cannon	250 68584	
to Lewis	250 68584	

(Sigd) J Randel Jr

[296] Resolved that the 3d Avenue be opened throughout as designated on the Map of the Commissioners of Streets & Roads and that the Council of the Board take the necessary legal steps for carrying the same into effect

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	
Warrants not presented	
about	$23.600.

Whereupon his Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrants for payment of the following Accounts.

Geo Buckmaster Amt advand to Chas Green Lot ground 3d St for Watch House	1500.
Jacob Hays Extra services Watch 20 June 4 July	82.62
J Farrington Do 29.30 Do Do	77.63
Wm Van Wart Do 30 Do Do	52.
L Angevine Do Do	27.75
Jacob Hays High Constable 1 Qr Saly to 11 Augst	200.
J Burjeau Fst Marl pay 5 Officers attens C Hall 4 July	10.
Hardcastle & Vn Pelt, printing 15 May to 8 Augt	145.62
L Persieny Expenses mud Machine from 1 June to 28 July inclusive	516. 7
Wm Butler reps Pumps 1. 5. 8. Wds	43.92
[297] Jonathan Hardman overseer Roads from 17 June to 31 July	283.80
Oliver Waldron Do Do 1 mo 1 Augst	227.
John Jackson Corporation proportion building Dock at Brooklyn	182.87
Higgins & Parks filling at Hudson Marke[t] & Courtlandt St Slip	165.12
Conrad Jordan 19 days setting & removing Lamp Posts 1 May to 3 Augs	19.
Thos Clark last paynt filling Courtdt Slip	426.
Thos & Geo Lovett Acct James St	500.
Do " Broome St	200.
Jno Bailey Acct Batavia Lane	100.
Jas Vincent Digging & filling Budd St & Greenwich St	25.
Ann Walker 2 Canal St Bonds Balc in full	5437.58

Peter Bonnet assignee Canal St Bond to L Lispenard in full	2598. 2
Geo Warner Canal St Bond in full	1176. 9
John J Westervelt Canal St Bond Balance in full	536.75
Robt Kelly Balc on Inclenburgh Bond	255. 9
Jno P Ritter 2 Bonds Balc in full	222.65
Jno H Sickels late Treasr N City Hall	1500.
J McComb Jnr Paymaster Do	1500.
Jno Randel Jnr on Acct Su[r]veys	500.
Richd Furman Treasr N Alms House	5000.
	23510.58
Balance	89.42

[298] In Common Council August 17th 1812

present The Honl De Witt Clinton Mayor President

Peter Mesier		Augustine H Lawrence
Thomas Carpenter		George Wilson
Charles Dickenson		Josiah Hedden
John Morss		Michael M Titus
Richard Cunningham	Aldermen	Wm J Waldron
George Buckmaster		Wm A Hardenbrook
Peter H Wendover		John Drake
John Pell		

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Christopher Jacobs praying remission of a penalty incurred under the law regulating the assize of Bread, was read and referred to Wm M Summers the Inspector who had seized the Bread, for a statement of facts

An invitation from the president & directors of the New York Manufacturing Society to the Common Council, to attend the ceremony [299] of laying the foundation corner Stone of their Manufactory at Greenwich, was read and accepted

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

F Eng Comp No 8

Robt McIlwain—Grocer. Pearl St 6 Wd vce Isaac Kip gone privateering

No 15

Daniel Martin—Shoemaker—Pump St 6 Wd vce Moses Dewey resd

N° 24

Wm Warner. Coach maker. Thomas St 5 Wd vce Peter Devoe resd

N° 37

Joseph Baxter Cartman Orchard St 10 Wd vce Robert Lee resd

N° 39.

Henry Lott mercht 100 Liberty St 3 Wd vc John Rogers

Joseph H. Terry. accountant 133 Wm St 3d Wd vce Peter Aymar

A Petition of Robert Morris Junr, and a further petition from Thophilus Marcelin requesting the appointment to the office of Deputy Comptroller or Register were read and laid on the table

Petitions from Charles Myers and James Goodman praying Stalls in the Market building at Gouverneurs Slip and a recommendation of Letty Matthews for a Butchers Stand, were read [300] and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of John Vn Orden praying remission of a penalty incurred by not complying with an Ordinance respecting a nuisance, was read and granted on payment of costs.

A Letter from the Comptroller of the State to His Honor the Mayor, stating, that by an Act of the Legislature passed the 26 May last the Comptroller is authorized to sell in fee simple all the right of the State in and to the Government House and the grounds adjoining in the City of New York, to the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City for a sum not less than $50.000 and to receive in payment therefor the Bond of the said Corporation payable in ten Years with Interest Annually at 6 per cent

Provided always that the said Corporation shall not have the right of selling the said grounds for the erection of private buildings or other individual purposes" and requesting to be informed whether or not the Corporation intend to make the purchase thus authorized [301] which being read was ordered to lay for further consideration.

A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants in the vicinity of Catharine Market, complaining of a chain which has been placed across Cherry Street was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 4th & 7th Wards and the Market Committee.

A Letter from Charles Smith Lessee of Slips stating, that so many difficulties occurred in the collection of the Wharfage between Partition and Dey Streets, that he wished a Committee might be appointed to confer with him on the subject

A Letter from the same on the subject of a Vessel which was

sunk in the basin at the end of Canal Street, was also read, and both referred to the Committee on Wharves.

The City Inspector presented Drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 570 to N° 580. which were passed.

A Memorial of Peter Schermerhorn remonstrating [302] against the position of the Fire Engine House about to be enlarged at Beekman Slip, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 2d Ward & Chief Engineer.

A Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 8 requesting an addition of 100 feet of Hose, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire department

The Attorney reported that Captain Williamson had incurred a penalty by not reporting passengers but as the omission arose from ignorance of the Law, he recommended a remission upon the usual terms which was agreed to

The Alderman and assistant of the 8th Ward and the Street Commissioner to whom had been referred a Petition for a Well in Elizabeth Street, reported an Ordinance for a Well and pump at such place in Elizabeth Street between Broome & Spring St in the 8th Ward as shall be designated by the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner or any two of them.

[303] Which was passed, and George Ireland, Lemuel Skidmore & John Brown were appointed Assessors

A Similar Ordinance was presented by the Alderman of the 1st Ward and Street Commissioner, for a Well and Pump in Rector St between Greenwich and Lumber Sts

And also by the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward and Street Commissioner for a Well and pump in North Moore Street between Greenwich and Hudson Street

And also by the Assistant of the 6 Ward and Street Commissioner for a Well & Pump in Hester Street between Broad Way & Crosby Street; which said several ordinances were passed and the same persons appointed Assessors in each as in the first named order

Upon the suggestion of the Street Commissioner Edward Taylor was appointed Assessor in the ordinance for paving & for the Sewer at Beekman Slip, in the place of Garrit H Van Wagenen, who was interested.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on the Assessment for regulating Grand Street from Arrundle to Cannon Street

[304] Whereupon a Warrant was ordered to issue for the collection of the same.

The Lamp Committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Strong reported that from an examination into the matters set forth in said petition we find that the said Lamp was erected by Mr Strong under an agreement between him and the then Members of the Lamp Committee, that if he Mr Strong would erect such lamp and keep the same in repair at his own private expense, that the same should be lighted at public Expense, that Mr Strong did erect said Lamp at his own expense and that under said agreement your Committee understand the same was lighted until some short time since.

Your Committee think proper to intimate to the Board that for the accomodation of the Market more light in that quarter would be desirable, and that such contract having been made with Mr Strong, they recommend that the same be lighted as heretofore and that the rest of the Lamps in that quarter [305] be placed in such a manner as to afford the greatest possible accommodation to the public

(Signed) R Cunningham, Geo Wilson, Thos Carpenter

Which was agreed to.

The Law regulating Hackney Coaches was called up—The Blanks filled—passed and ordered to be published

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of certain Holders of Canal St Bonds Reported. That your committee have taken the same into consideration and are of opinion that it would be equitable and proper that the Assessment to defray the Expenses of opening Canal Street laid on those persons who have been actually paid by this Board for property taken from them for that purpose, ought to be collected and that in cases where the Bonds of this Corporation have been given in payment for such property that the same with the interest thereon should be deducted on a final Settlement, but your Committee are [306] of opinion that this principle should extend no farther than to the Assessments upon property actually fronting on Canal St

(Signed) A H Laurence, J Hedden, Geo Wilson, John Drake, P H Wendover } Canal & Finance Committee

Which was approved.

The following Resolution was proposed by Alderman Wendover and agreed to.

Resolved that it be recommended to the Citizens of this City, to abstain from all business and recreations, on Thursday the 20th Inst and observe the same as a day of public Humiliation and prayer agreably to the proclamation of the President of the United States of the 9th July last as recommended by a concurrent resolution of the Senate & House of Representatives in Congress assembled, and that the Clerk give notice of the same in all the Newspapers employed by this Board

It having been represented to the Board that some of the Timber lately purchased by the Committee of Defence [307] had been taken away without any authority from this Board. It was

Ordered that the Attorney of the Board endeavour to discover the Trespassors and that upon discovering the same he immediately institute suits against them.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to treat with Gabriel Furman Esqr for the purchase of a Lot of Ground in Pinè Street near Broad Way for the purpose of erecting thereon an Engine House

(Committee appd) Mr Lawrence Mr Titus Mr Hedden

Ordered that the Attorney be directed to proceed in the suits against Mr Murray and Mr Thompson for the recovery of the rent due to this Corporation.

The following Resolution was presented by Mr Wilson and agreed to.

Resolved that this Board recognize with great pleasure the correct and military exercise of skill manifested by the Officers [308] non commissioned Officers and privates of the Brigade of Artillery under the command of Genl Morton in firing at the Hulk provided by His Excellency the Governor for that purpose on friday last, and that half a Ton of powder, and a suitable quantity of Ball be provided by Genl Morton at the expense of this Board for further practice.

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury about		$17.390

Whereupon his Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrants for the following accounts

Lawrence & Van Wart	Watch	498.75
Farrington & White	Do	621.25
Hays & Bogart	Do	670.25
Angevine & Hedden	Do	315.

Thos Hazard & 2 Assistants City Prison 1 Qr Salv 18 Inst	512.50
G N Bleecker 1 Qr Salv 15 Inst	375.
Caleb L Riggs C D Colden & Saml Lawrence half Arbn fees. P H Schenck	187.50
Ephraim Ginnings Superintending Lamps 1 Mo to 11 Inst	295.58
Thos Mingus Smith Work reps for Supdt	52.77
[309] Archd Smith Sewer Beekman Slip	400.
Thos & Geo Lovett regulating and paving Jame St from Chatham to Cherry St	350.
Benjn Bayles paving First St from Stanton to North Sts	250.
Jas Kelly paving Sugarloaf St between Broadway and Church St	150.
John Bailey paving Oak St between James & Oliver St	100.
Thos Clarke filling at Courtlandt St Slip	151.54
Wm Stilwell & other Assessors Bulkhead & Sewer & filling Peck Slip	125.
Benjn Dickinson & Jno Salisbury Assignees Estate Abm King Bond & Interest	1892.46
G S Mumford balc Inclenberg Bond to 18 Inst	496.27
James Heard " " "	314. 4
Elias Nixsen " " "	182.91
Jno Watts Assnee Bond to Patc McKay "	82.65
Nathan Sanford balc on Bond for common Lands to 1 July	22.17
Elizath Beekman Assgnee Bond to R Gilnor in full	1260.20
J Murray & Son Balc on Bond for Docks & Slip in full to 1 July	80.
Jacob P Roome Sup Reprs to purchase materials for Watch House 2d District	1000.
J McComb Jr paymaster N C Hall	2000.
Richd Furman Supedt Alms House	5000.
	17.385.84
Balance	4.16

[310] In Common Council August 24 1812

Present The Honl De Witt Clinton Mayor President.

Peter Mesier Thomas Carpenter Charles Dickenson Richard Cunningham Peter H Wendover Nicholas Fish John Pell Isaac S Douglass John Morss	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junr Augustine H Lawrence George Wilson Josiah Hedden Michael M Titus Wm J Waldron Wm A Hardenbrook John Drake	Assistants

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

A Remonstrance of James Trivort against the Law regulating Pawn Brokers was read and referred to the Committee on that subject viz Committee on Laws &c

A Recommendation in favor of William Mooney for a stand in the Market erecting at Governeurs Slip, and a Petition of Christopher [311] Hamme for a permit to sell vegetables were read and referred to the Market Committee

A Recommendation of the Market Committee granting the Stall, N° 34 in the Fly Market to John Akley was read and granted

A Petition for a Well in Broome Street near Norfolk Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward to report an Ordinance for the same.

A Memorial of sundry Inhabitants of George Slip, stating, that they had experienced great difficulty in procuring Hay since the removal of the Hay scales to Governeur Slip and praying they may be returned to said Slip or to Charlotte Slip was read and referred to Alden Pell Mr Hedden & Mr Hardenbrook

A Recommendation of Theophilus Marcelis and petitions from Moses Hoyt and Peter Ludlow for the appointment of Deputy Comptroller were read and laid upon the table

The City Inspector reported sundry Ordinances [312] for filling in certain Lots at the Collect from N° 580 to N° 621 which were passed.

A Petition of Andres Van Orden praying remission of a penalty incurred by exposing Oysters for Sale alleging the same to have been done by his Sons without his consent or privately was read and granted on payment of costs.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

F Eng Cpmp N° 25.

James Munell. Morocco Dresser 38 Vandewater St 4 Wd
vce Jno Embler resgd

Archer Collerd Book binder 17 Frankford St 4 Wd
vc Jno Herriman do

F Eng Compy N° 30

Stephen Crane Grocer Delancy St 10 Wd
v Jeremiah Scheurman Do

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants praying that Hudson Street may be opened from Hudson Square to the 8th avenue, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner who was also requested to report what proceedings had been had upon the former petition upon the same subject.

[313] A Petition of Robert Bowne for himself and the proprietors of Wharves between Fly Market and Coffee House Slip stating that the Wharf at the end of Pine Street had given way in such a manner as not to be remidied without sinking a new Block at the end & praying the attention of the Board to the subject was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers and Slips.

The Attorney reported that Captn Williams had incurred penalties by not reporting passengers but as it was not done intentionally he recommended the remission of the penalty upon the usual terms which was agreed to

Wm M Summers to whom had been referred the petition of Christopher Jacobs presented a report which was read. Whereupon it was resolved that the fine be remitted upon the payment of costs.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward to whom had been referred the petition for a Well in Charles Street, Reported an Ordinance [314] for a Well and Pump in said Street between Greenwich and Hudson Street at such place as the Alderman and Assistant and Street Commissioner or any two of them should designate, which was passed and George Ireland Lemuel Skidmore & John Brown were appointed Assessors.

A Similar Ordinance was reported by them for a Well in Greenwich Street between Hammond & Banker Street, which was passed, and the same Assessors appointed

A like Ordinance for a Pump & Well in Delancey Street between Second & Third Street in the 10th Ward, and an ordinance for a Well and Pump in Gouverneur Street between Cherry and Lombardy Street in the 7 Ward were presented and passed and Soloman Wheeler Stephen Kingsland & Peter F Cisco were appointed Assessors in the former, and Soloman Wheeler Stephen Kingsland and William Stilwell in the latter,

The Committee on the petition of Peter Schermerhorn Reported— That they have [315] attended to the subject as therein stated & find the same to be correct and are of opinion that the Engine House should be immediately removed as its present situation is by no means elligible. They have therefore endeavoured to procure a suitable place for said Engine House in the vicinity of that neighbourhood and have agreed with Peter Schermerhorn (provided it meets the approbation of the board) for his three story arched gang way situated in water street near the head of Crane Wharf of between nine & ten feet in width and forty two feet in depth, with a large Wheel & Rope in the Garrit (which will answer a valuable purpose for drying leaders) at and

after the rate of 75 Dollars per Ann; on a lease of five Years with a proviso that in case either party should wish to relinquish, that one years' previous notice shall be given

Which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Thos. Carpenter
Thos Franklin

Which was agreed to and the Committee were directed to carry the same into effect

An ordinance was presented by Alder[m] [316] Mesier for constructing a new Drain in Stone Street, which was passed and John Nitchie, John Brown, William Stilwell Asa Holden and Jeromus Johnson were appointed Assessors. The execution of the same was committed to the Superintendant of Repairs under the direction of the Street Commissioner

The Committee on the communication of Charles Smith respecting a Hulk in Spring Street Bason reported that the facts as stated are true, and further that M[r] offers to raise the Hulk above mentioned and to remove it provided the Common Council will give him the Hulk and fifteen Dollars in Cash. Your Committee are of opinion therefore that the proposition is fair and reasonable and ought to be accepted

all which is submitted

(Signed) Thos Carpenter
S Jones Jun[r]

Which was approved and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant for $15.

The Report of the Committee on William Mooney was called up and after some time [317] spent thereon the further consideration was postponed

Ordered that the Street Commissioner take immediate measures for the removal of the Trees standing in the road at Sandy Hill.

M[r] Wilson presented the following Resolution

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be authorized to repair that part of Chapple Street at the intersection of White Walker North Moore Provost and Sugar loaf Streets rendered dangerous for carriages and almost impassable, by the late rains.

Which was agreed to.

Ordered that the Attorney take legal measures to remove a Store at Peck Slip owned by David Lydig to the proper line of the Street.

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury about	2700.
From the New Loan	5000.
	$7700.

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested [318] to issue Warrants for payment of the following Acctˢ

Nicholas Lawrence Extra Watch 7 Inst	35.62
Isaac Bogert Dº 6	17.25
B Skaats & Assistᵗ 1 Qʳ Salʸ 24 Inst and sundry expenses	127.50
Thos Franklin Chf Engʳ 1 Qʳ Salʸ 18th Instᵗ	125.
Comstock & Sawyer 40 Gall Oil for Enginʳ	52.50
Oneil & Lee Digging Well corner Mercer & Grand St & 1 In Broome St	324.
Jaˢ Richardson digging Well corner Gouverneur & Cherry St	132.
John McGown filling Collect ground by Contᵗ	115.
Thoˢ Clark in full for filling Courtlandt St Slip	18.12
Thoˢ & Geo Lovett on Acct Broome St	300.
Dº Dº James St	300.
James Kelly Dº Hester St	150.
John McComb Jʳ paymaster N C Hall	1000.
Richᵈ Furman Treasʳ N Alms House	5000.
	7696.99
Balance	$3. 1

[319] In Common Council Augˢᵗ 31 1812

Present The Honˡ De Witt Clinton Mayor President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junʳ
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes
Richard Cunningham		Augustine H Lawrence
Isaac S Douglass		Elisha W King
George Buckmaster		George Wilson
Peter H Wendover		Wᵐ J Waldron
Nicholas Fish		Wᵐ A Hardenbrook
John Pell		John Drake

Assistants

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Robert Jameson praying remission of a penalty incurred under the Sunday Law was read and referred to the Attorney of the Board

A Petition of Ephraim Hart praying suspension of procedings against him for not filling in certain sunken Lots in Spring Street

alledging said Lots did not belong to [320] him, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner and Attorney

A Petition for a Watchman to be stationed at the corner of grand and Suffolk Street was read and referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of Thomas Duggan praying an advance of money to him on his account for Canal Street was read and referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of Daniel J Ebbets for appointment as deputy Comptroller was read and laid upon the Table.

A Petition of John Simmons praying remission of a penalty incurred under the Law to prevent the removal of dirt from the Streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward.

Petitions from Jacob Kitterer and John F Jackson praying remission of penalties incurred under the Dog Law was read and [321] granted on payment of costs.

A Petition of Lawrence Heyer for an office was read and referred to the Committee on applications

A Recommendation in behalf of Mr Schroder for remission of an Assessment for opening Chamber Street was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Memorial of sundry owners of Hackney Carriages praying certain amendments *amendments* in the Law regulating Hackney carriages was read and referred to the former Committee with the addition of Mr Jones Mr Lawrence and the Attorney.

A Memorial, that Duane Street may be paved from Rose to William Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Peter Lorrilard praying payment of a Bond which he held for ground taken for Canal Street was read and referred to the Comptroller.

[322] The Attorney presented the following Report upon the award and expenses for opening Pearl Street.

The Attorney to the Corporation respectfully reports, that in pursuance to the directions of the Common Council a precept was issued according to the directions of the acts of the Legislature in such case made and provided requiring the Sheriff of the City and County of New York to impanel a jury to enquire and assess the damage and recompense due to the owners of and persons interested in a certain Building and Triangular piece of ground in the sixth Ward at the junction of pearl and Elm Street which was required to

widen and improve Pearl Street there. That in consequence a Jury was impanelled and sworn at the last term of the Mayors Court, who has assessed the damage and recompense to Francis B Lynch and Joseph R Lynch for their interest in the ground Eight hundred Dollars and for their interest in the building fifty Dollars. To William McCormick and Mary his Wife for their Interest in the ground two hundred Dollars [323] and for their Interest in the Building three hundred Dollars, and to Henry McMurray for his Interest in the ground one hundred and eighty seven Dollars and fifty Cents and for his interest in the building one hundred and eighty seven Dollars and fifty cents upon which verdict judgment has been entered, and the Expenses have amounted to Eighty one Dollars and twenty five cents

All which is submitted

(Sigd) D S Jones

Which was read—And the Street Commissioner presented an ordinance agreab[l]y to said Report for widening said Street which was passed, and John Mowatt Jr Jehiel Jagger. James Masterton, Wm Stilwell and Garrit H Vn Wagenen were appointed Assessors

Alderman Mesier presented the following Report from the Market Committee,

The Market Committee recommend that a Clerk be appointed to Gouverneurs Market, and that the same be opened for the accommodation of that neighbourhood [324] as soon as finished, with a view to further as much as possible this necessary measure Your Committee beg leave further to recommend that Stall No 1 in the said Market be granted to Wm Mooney in consideration of his being recommended by all those who have contributed to the building of said Market. And that the five next succeeding numbers be granted to the following applicants as they may respectively draw them by Lot. Viz one to Richard Ford, one to Charles Myers one to Stephen Smack one to James Goodman one to Robert Kennah.

All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Peter Mesier
John Pell
Augustine H Lawrence

Which was approved, and on motion of Alderman Mesier it was Resolved that Eisenhart the present Deputy Clerk of Catharine Market be appointed and considered the Deputy Clerk of the Market at Gouverneur Slip

The Committee on the petition of J & G [325] Beekman Reported. That they find the statements made in the Memorial respecting a deficiency of ground and the line of Broome Street Correct. Your Committee are therefore of opinion (if the parties concerned are all agreed) the prayer of the petitioners be granted

Which is respectfully submitted

(Signd) E W King
G Buckmaster
R Cunningham
Saml Stilwell St Coms

Which was agreed to.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 10th Ward reported an ordinance in the usual form for a Well and pump in Norfolk St between Grand and Broome St which was passed, and Soloman Wheeler, Stephen Kingsland and Peter F Cisco were appointed assessors

The Street Commissioner presented Assessment for Wells and pumps in Broome St and in Gouverneur St which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector in each

[326] The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents upon the Assessments for repaving James St Oak St and Batavia Lane. Whereupon it was ordered that Warrants issue for the collection of the same

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for regulating and repaving Front Street on the easterly side of Beekman Slip which was passed, and John Mowatt Junr James Masterton. Jehiel Jagger Wm Stilwell and Edward Taylor were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner presented a Report on the subject of opening Hudson Street the consideration of which was postponed

It having been suggested that agreably to the resolution of the Board of the 17th Inst on the subject of monies due on the Assessment for Canal Street, it became necessary that a collector should be appointed for that purpose Mr Lawrence therefore moved that a Collector be appointed to collect said sums, The question being taken thereon and a Division having been called by Mr Jones it was carried in [327] the affirmative as follows

Affirmative 12

Alderman Capenter. Cunningham. Buckmaster Wendover. Fish. Pell Messrs Hawes. Lawrence. King. Wilson Hardenbrook. Drake

Negative Alderm Mesier Douglass Messrs Jones Waldron

It was then moved and agreed that Noah Jarvis be appointed Collector

The following Resolution (respecting forfeit under Dog Law) was presented by Mr Hardenbrook and agreed to

Resolved that all penalties and forfeitures incurred by individuals for not registring their Dogs on or before the first Monday of July past, be and the same are hereby remitted, on condition that delinquents report their Dogs and pay the Tax on or before the 1st October next

Resolved that the following Accounts of monies due to this Corporation heretofore in the hands of Isaac A Vn Hook formerAttorney [328] of this Board be placed in the hands of the present Attorney with directions forthwith to proceed to the recovery of the same

Hugh Gaine	987.75
Wm Johnson	2560.
Joanna Livingston	510.75
John Jackson	361.90
Jacob Basheist	350.
Court Went	312.50
John Boardman	280.
James Abeel	135.
Gilbert Dean	125.
William Ross	70.
Dr Romaine	212.98
	5905.88

Resolved that the injunction of secrecy as to the proceedings of the Board of the 17. July last be taken off and that the Clerk be authorised to enter the same on the minutes of this Common Council

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury about	86000

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrants for payment of the following Accounts

[329] Lawrence & Vn Wart Watch	498.75
Farrington & White Do	621.25
Hays & Bogart Do	670.25
Angevine & Hedden Do	315.
Hedden & Angevine extra Watch at Revd J Masons 6 to 30 Inst	43.75
James Warner Spc Justice 1 Qr Salr 26 Inst	250.
Charles Christian Do	250.
Christian Schultz Do	250.
Bernard Oblenis Clerk Do Do	250.
R Stephens asst Do Do	125.

Jacob Hays High Constable Officers Police extra services 3 Mo 26 Inst	117.33
James Hardie Asst C Inspr 1 mo Saly 1 Sepr	62.50
R Graves Do St Comsr 2 Do Do	132.50
Mott Hicks Dep St Comsr 1 mo Do	52.
Adrian B Holmes Do Do Do	52.
Samuel Green Do Do Do	52.
Wm P Roome Keeper Potters field Do Do	46.50
P Burtsell Stationary for Mayor & C Inspr Office 10 Inst	114.50
Wm Post Carriage hire fr 8 Nov 1811 to 19 Aug 1812	90.25
Edward Watkeys candles for City Hall	9.16
Joseph Leonard list passengers Coast ways 6 mo 1 Inst	25.
David S Jones Atty Acct from 20 Jany to 20 Augst 1812 bal	125.66
Ann Walker rent of Watch House in Canal St to 16 May 1812 in full	71.46
[330] Edward Meeks blacksmiths Acct for repairs from 16 Jany to 17 June	65.95
H Remsen Presd Manht Compy 3 Bonds in full to 1 Sep 1812	50500.
John Slidell Presd. Mechanics Bank 1 Bond in full to Do	20,100.
Philip Jacobs Assignee Canal St Bond to Ann Walker in full	6067.79
John Ashfield 2 Canal St Bonds balance in full	1523.77
Walter Allen repairs Pier east side Peck Slip one half	87.11
Abm Stagg Acct paving North St	250.
Thos & Geo Lovett Acct repaving James St	200.
John Bailey Acct repaving Oak St	100.
David S Jones Expenses opening & improving Pearl St at Elm St Sheriffs fees Atty taxed bill Jurors fees	81.24
Jacob P Roome Supdt Reprs to buy lumber & pay workmen	1500.
John McComb Jnr Paymaster N City Hall	1000.
	85700.72

[331] In Common Council Septr 7 1812

present The Honl De Witt Clinton Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistants
Thomas Carpenter	Peter Hawes
Charles Dickenson	Augustine H Lawrence
Richard Cunningham	Elisha W King
George Buckmaster	Josiah Hedden
Peter H Wendover	William J Waldron
Nicholas Fish	William A Hardenbrook
John Pell	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

Resolved as the sense of this Board that the Resolution passed at the last meeting remitting the penalties incurred by not registring dogs is understood to be upon the condition that the delinquents pay all costs which have occurred, and, Resolved further that it be hereafter considered as a general rule that in all cases of remissions of penalties that it be upon condition that the defendants

pay all costs whatever which have occurred unless it is expressly otherwise stated

[332] Petitions of Sarah Chandler. Martha Albine and Jane Henry for Hucksters Stands were read and referred to the market Committee Also petitions from John Nash for Stall N° 44 from Thomas Hammond for Stall N° 3 and from Peter Wilt for Stall N° 36 all in the Fly Market were read and referred to the Market Committee with authority to grant the prayers of the Petitioners.

Petitions for a Pump in Delancy Street between Norfolk and Essex Street, & for one near the corner of Stanton and Ridge Street were read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Wards and Street Commissioner to report Ordinances for the same

A Petition for two Lamps in Washington Street between Provost and North More Street was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition of Robt McMenomy praying remission of a penalty incurred under the auction Law, from Pat Monaghan [333] and Jane Parker for remission of fines under the Sunday Law were read and referred to the Attorney with authority to remit the fines.

A Petition of Richard Taylor keeper of a Ferry House at the White Hall praying permission to Keep his house open on Sunday for the accomodation of Travellers and others crossing the Ferry, and from William Mott keeping the Ferry house at the Fly Market praying remission of a fine prosecuted for against him for keeping his house open on Sunday and also begging permission in future to keep his house open on the Sabath for the reception of passengers at the Ferry, were read and referred to the ferry Committee with authority to grant a remission of the fine and also further to grant such permission as they shall judge advisable.

The City Inspector presented drafts of ordinances from N° 621 to N° 635 inclusive for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed

[334] A Petition of William Stratton praying an extension of time for filling in a sunken Lot in Wooster Street near the corner of Spring Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to extend the time if in his opinion proper.

A Similar petition, from D Dunham Francis Cooper and Beekman N Vn Beuren upon Lots corner of Prince & Mercer Streets and also that Suits commenced against them may be staid was read and time for filling in the same was extended until the 1st of November next upon payment of all costs which have accrued.

A Petition from Robt Rowe James Kerr and John Sloan was also received praying an extension of time for filling in certain Lots in Prince Street, and the time was extended until the 1st of November next

A Petition was also received from Simon Van Antwerp praying further time for filling in a Lot in North Moore Street, which was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward

[335] A Petition from John Fellows was received stating that he is keeper of the Military Store belonging to the United States in Washington Street, that a quantity of Boxes and Key[g]s, the contents of which were unknown to him were sent to the Store by the officer of the Ordinance Department of the U States that a complaint was made to him that they contained powder and their storage in the said City was contrary to Law whereupon they were instantly removed that he understands a complaint has been made to the Attorney of the Corporation but as the offence if there was any was unintentional he prayed the interference of the Board, Ordered to be referred to the Chief Engineer

A Petition of William Ross was read stating that a considerable portion of ground which he holds under lease and for which he pays rent was taken to open Broad Way and that he has never received any compensation therefor, and praying that some may be allowed him, Ordered that the same be referred to the Comptroller

[336] A Petition from sundry Inhabitants praying that the 10th Avenue may be opened from its intersection with the Bloomingdale Road at Harsinville, Ordered that the same be referred to Mr Hardenbrook MrHawes Aldern Pell The Council of the Board

The following Report (respecting a Hose Company) from the Chief Engineer was read and approved and Jacob P Roome was appointed Foreman of the Company proposed to be established

The Chief Engineer respectfully suggests to your consideration the propriety of having a light Four wheel carriage prepared for the purpose of conveying the one thousand feet of Hose which was ordered to be made agreably to a resolution of your Board of the 29th June last; and that a Company of twelve men be organized to take charge of said carriage and Hose, and to be called the Hose Company

All which is respectfully submitted

(signed) Thos Franklin,
Chf Engr

[337] The Committee on the Petition of John Simmons presented a report, which together with the petition was referred to the Attorney with authority to remit the fine

The Committee on the Fire department on the petition of the Inhabitants of Broome Street praying the establishment of an Engine

Reported That in their opinion a new Engine ought to be granted to the petitioners to be stationed in or near Broome Street between the Bowery Road and Broadway. They therefore recommend that the Chief Engineer and Committee on the fire department be directed to procure one of 6½ or 7 Inch Chamber and cause the same to be delivered to the Fire Company when the same is organized with three hundred feet of Leader

(Signed) Peter Hawes
Wm A Hardenbrook

which was approved.

The Committee of Assessments on the account of the assessors on Collect Street Reported That the assessment for opening Collect St including the assessors Fees, was confirmed [338] by the Corporation and put in the hands of a Collector long before the account was referred to the Committee. They can therefore discover no reason why the said account should not be paid to the Assessors, which has been collected from the persons Assessed

Peter Hawes
(Signed) A H Lawrence
P H Wendover
J Hedden

Which was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for repaving Stone Street from No 47 Broad Street, which was passed and John Nitchie John Brown William Stilwell Asa Holden & Thomas Johnson were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner and Attorney to whom was referred the Petition of Ephraim Hart Reported That Mr Hart own the ground on the Southerly side of Prince Street between Green Street and a House and lot of Mr Glenn Mr Harts ground being lower than the foundation of Glenn and chimney endangers the property of the latter and the Street in front [339] (prince St) of Mr Harts ground being so much lower than the regulation required renders it dangerous for passengers or Carriages and as improvements are

rapidly progressing in that neighbourhood, your Committee are of opinion the petitioner should have leave to withdraw his Petition which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Sam[l] Stilwell St Com[s]r

From the representation of the Street Commissioner I concur in the above Report

(Signed) D S Jones.

The Comptroller on the petition of Thomas Duggan reported, That there is a large balance due to M[r] Duggan from the Corporation, for ground taken to open Canal St by the Commissioners. On the 14[th] october 1811 a petition from Silas Lord stating that he holds a mortgage from Thomas Duggan and Wife for $5000 dated 4 March 1807 and renewing his request that no monies be paid said T Duggan until said Bond with Interest and costs were paid, was read, and ordered by the Board that no monies be paid said Thomas Duggan on account of said [340] Assessment on Canal Street.

What effect the payment of money might have as it respects the mortgage held by M[r] Lord subsequent to the order of the board suspending any payments The subscriber is not competent to determine Should the advice of Counsel in the premises be deemed proper. It is respectfully suggested whether the business in question had not better take that course

(Signed) G N Bleecker Comptroller

Whereupon Resolved that said Thomas Duggan have leave to withdraw his petition.

The following Resolution was presented by M[r] Lawrence and unanimously agreed to

The Common Council of the City of New York considering a Naval establishment all important to the protection of our commerce and to the defence of our Country, and viewing the recent capture of the British Frigate Guerrier, by the American Frigate Constitution, as not only illustrating the advantages of a Navy but as reflecting the highest honor on the entrepidity and skill of Capt[n] Hull his Officers and crew, Esteem it their [341] duty as the Municipal Government of this great Commercial City to "express their sentiments on this occasion and to present the thanks of the Citizens of New York to the gallant officers and Seamen who atchieved this brilliant victory. And they further

Resolve that the freedom of the City be presented to Captain Hull, in a Gold Box with an appropriate inscription, And that His

Honor the Mayor be requested to forward the same with a coppy of this Resolution.

Mr Hawes from the Committee some time since appointed on the subject of obstructions which were making by certain persons in the Waters of the East River at Wards Bridge stated that tho' no legal procedings had been taken in the said business, yet as the Committee had taken the opinion of Mr Harison on the occasion he considered that a council fee was due to him. It was therefore ordered that the Comptroller report at the next meeting in favor of Richard Harison Esqr for the sum of twenty Dollars

The Council of the Board stated that [342] having agreably to directions given to him made out a water grant to Peter Schemernhorn and Mr Samuel A Lawrence some of the terms of which has been objected to by them, he suggested the propriety of referring the subject to a Committee to arrange the same with those Gentlemen

Whereupon it was resolved that the same be referred to Mr King Aldern Wendover Mr Hedden

On Motion of Alderman Buckmaster the Street Commissioner was directed to cause Water Street at the foot of Wallnut and Gouverneur St to be repaved

It was also Ordered that the Superintendant of Repairs examine the situation of the Wharf at the head of Charlotte Slip and cause the necessary repairs to be made

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury about	15000

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrants for payment of the [343] following accounts

Jacob P Roome Supdt Reprs 1 Qr Saly 1 Inst	225.
Peter Aymar City Collector 1 Qr Saly 6 Inst	161.
Joshua Secor Coroner fees 1 June to 1 Inst	143.10
David Phyfe 2 writing tables	350.
Oliver Waldron Overseer Roads 1 Mo 1 Inst	216.12
Jonathan Hardman Do Do	203.71
Oneil & Lee repg Well 3. 5 8 Wards	36.87
A Stagg Amt Asst Corpn regulating & paving Chamber Street	175.66
Danl Holsman Assignee of Canal St Bond to D Phyfe	659.21
John McComb Junr Paymastr N C Hall	1000.
Richd Furman Supdt Alms House	5000.
Do Treasr N Alms House	5000.
Balle	1829.33

[344] In Common Council Septem^{r} 14 1812

Present The Hon^{l} De Witt Clinton Mayor President

Thomas Carpenter	Aldermen	Samuel Jones J^{r}	Assistants
Charles Dickenson		Peter Hawes	
Richard Cunningham		Elisha W King	
John Morss		George Wilson	
Isaac S Douglass		Josiah Hedden	
George Buckmaster		Michael M Titus	
Peter H Wendover		Wm J Waldron	
Nicholas Fish		John Drake	
John Pell			

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Power and Paxton Auctioneers praying permission to hold sales of Furniture at the Coffee House Slip between Water and Front St was read and granted

A Petition of Mary Hill, praying to be relieved from the penalty of a Recognizance entered into by her on account of Martin Hill who [345] had returned to the City contrary to the condition of said recognizance but who had immediately thereafter gone to Sea, alledging also extreme poverty, was read and granted on payment of costs.

A Petition of James Langley praying an extension of time for the payment of rent due from him to the Corporation, was read, and, Resolved that time be given him for one year for the payment of the same

A Petition from several Collectors of the Wards praying a further extension of the time for collecting and paying into the Treasury the Taxes was read, and thereupon Resolved that the time be extended until the first October next, upon condition that their Securities continue responsible for their faithful collection & payment of the same. It was also referred to the Counsel to consider and report how far it is legal to renew or extend the Warrants issued to the collectors empowering them to make collection of the Taxes assessed upon the Inhabitants

[346] A Petition of Charles Mann praying remission of a penalty incurred by not reporting Passengers was read and granted on payment of costs.

A Memorial of Jeremiah Lott Treasurer of the Dutch Church at Flatbush in Kings County was read stating that there has been found in the Treasury of said church about Ten Dollars in penny

Bills formerly issued by the Corporation and praying that they may be redeemed. Which was refferred to the Comptroller

A Petition of Coun[r]t Went stating that he is unable to pay for a License as a Pawn Broker agreably to the ordinance and praying to be permitted to deal as a salesman of second Clothes, was read and referred to the Committee on the petition of sundry Pawn brokers Viz The Committee on Laws and ordinances

A Petition for repaving Murray Street between Church and Chapple St was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Jos Wentworth to be appointed [347] Assistant of the First District Watch was read and referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition for a Well in Broome Street between Broad Way and Elm Street and for one in Carmine Street were read and referred to the Alderman and assistant of the Wards and Street Commissioner to report ordinances

A Petition of Charles Smith and Ann his Wife Executors of Jacob Wilkins deceased, stating that the Corporation have for some time past for the purpose of the Steam Boat used the North side of the Pier on the North of Courtlandt Street Slip which belongs to the Estate of said Jacob Wilkins. They therefore pray that a settlement may be made with them or that the Corporation will agree to refer the same to arbitration,

Ordered that the same be referred to M^{r} Jones Alder^{n} Wendover M^{r} Wilson

A Memorial from sundry Inhabitants of Maiden Lane praying that attention may be paid to the regulation of that street and of [348] Green Street and that the Street may not be raised, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

An Account of Richard Crosby for expenses in constructing a new Fire Engine, was read and referred to the Chief Engineer to examine and Report upon

A Petition of Schuyler Baxter praying a remission of a fine incurred under the Sunday Law was read and referred to the Attorney with authority to remit the same

The Alderman & Assistant of the 10th Ward & Street Commissioner in pursuance of a reference to them Reported Ordinances for Wells in Delancey Street between Essex and Norfolk Street and for one in Stanton St near Ridge Street, which were passed and Stephen Kingsland, Soloman Wheeler and Peter F Cisco were appointed Assessors in each

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents upon the assessment for opening Collect Street (late Magazine St) and recommended [349] that a Warrant should issue and that Noah Jarvis should be appointed Collector as the present Collector was greatly deficient. which was agreed to

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Hose Company N° 1.

Jacob P Roome. Carpenter	87 Duane St	6	W[d] Foreman
Samuel Smith Ship	D° 67 Lombardy	7	[W][d]
Isaac Blew Carpenter	426 B[d] Way	6	D°
Rich[d] Mead	D° Desbrosses	5	D°
Simon V[n] Ness J[r]	D° D°	5	D°
Joseph Eldridge Mason	15 Leonard St	5	D°
Benj[n] P Barker Merch[t]	462 Pearl	4	D°
Ezekiel Halsted	D° 138 Chatham	6	D°
Joseph H Horton	D° 134 D°	6	D°
Ephraim Ginnings Laborer	Grand S[t]	8	D°
W[m] Stone Grocer	Jay	5	D°
Isaac M Hand Mercht	101 Chatham	4	D°

Fire Eng Comp N° 40.

Philip C Ruckel. Baker	Broom s[t] *St*	8[th]	Ward	Foreman
Adam Thompson. Engine Maker	Broom S[t]	8	D°	Assistant
George Farrington J[r] Grocer	25 Bowery	10	D°	Clerk
Charles Archer Grocer	Elizabeth St	8	D°	
Andrew Jackson Carpenter	D°	8	D°	
George Carr Butcher	D°	8	D°	

[350] Oliver Hicks Carpenter	Elizabeth St	8[th] W[d]
James Goodman Butcher	D°	8[th] D°
Peleg O[l]ney H Carpenter	Mott St	8[th] D°
John Conar Butcher	First	10 D°
James Chivis	D° Mulberry St	8[th] D°
Daniel Sammis cartman	Clint[n] & Pump	6 D°
Stephen Sammis Flour	Mercht 35 Second St	10 D°
Benj[n] Bedell Grocer	Elizab[h] & Hester St	6 D°
Increase C Baker Grocer	Spring & Mott St	8[th] D°
James Webster Cartman	17 Spring St	8 D°
Valentine Lozea Accountant	Mott Street	8 D°
James Chatterton Grocer	1 Mulberry St	6 D°
Truman Bartholemew H Carpenter	Broome St	8[th] Do

Elias Marsh Blacksmith Bowery lane	10th Wd
John R Lecount Grocer 195 Bowery	10 Do
John Smith Re[c]tifyer Crosby St	8th Do
William Bunta Wheelwright Mulberry St	8th Do
John B Wyse Shoemaker Crosby St	8 Do
Daniel Ward Junr Mason Mulberry St	8 Do
William Ruckel Baker 72 Warren St	5 Do
Daniel Higbie Grocer 148 Bowery	8 Do
Jonathan Skilman Butcher Mulberry St.	8th Do

Fire Eng Compy No 22

Wm Harris Fishmonger 97 Lombardy St 7 Wd vce David Palmer resgd

F Eng Com No 33

Whitman Platt Cartman Essex St 10 Wd vc Jontn Lounsbury resgd

[351] The Committee on Assessments presented the following Report

That Mr Jarvis one of the collectors of assessments, has returned to them sundry assessments on Lots which he is unable to collect. They therefore recommend that the Street Commissioner be directed to advertize and sell, pursuant to the act, for a term of years, such of said Lots as shall be designated to him for that purpose by the said Committee on Assessments

(Signed) Peter Hawes
Mich M Titus
P H Wendover

Which was agreed to.

The Chief Engineer to whom was referred the Petition of John Fellows reported. That agreably to reference of said petition he has carefully enquired into the case and finds upon a deliberate investigation that he has not only incurred the penalty of the Law but a forfeiture of the powder (as by a copy of the Store Keepers memorandum enclosed, will more fully appear) He therefore recommends in order to prevent similar offences against a Law whereby the Lives of [352] the Inhabitants, but in a more especial manner the Firemen are eminently endangered that the penalty (or at least some part thereof) be exacted and that the forfeiture of the Powder be remitted

Which is respectfully summitted

(Sigd) Thos Franklin
Chf Engr

Weight of Powder about 15000 lbs.

Alderman Buckmaster moved that the penalty be remitted upon payment of costs

A Division having been called it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative 13

Alder[n] Carpenter. Dickenson, Cunningham Morss. Buckmaster, Wendover Fish Pell M[r] Jones. Wilson Titus Waldron Drake

Negative 4

Alde[n] Douglass. M[r] Hawes, King, Hedden,

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well in Grand Street between Mercer and Green Street which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

The superintendant of Repairs presented the following Report. That he has [353] examined the bulk head of Charlotte slip and found it in good repair the filling up of the slip is owing to the slip's not being paved at every Fall of rain there is large quantities of sand washed in the slip. The superintendant would recommend that the Street Commissioner be directed to cause the Street at the head of the Slip to be paved to prevent the sand from being washed in the River

Which is respectfully submitted

(signed) Jacob P Roome
Sup[dt] Rep[rs]

which was agreed to and the Street Commissioner was directed to carry the same into effect

The Committee on the petition for the removal of the Hay Scales from Gouverneurs Slip presented a report the consideration of which was postponed

The City Inspector presented drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 635 to 645. which were passed.

The City Inspector presented a Report [354] stating that King Street at the intersection of Greenwich Street required regulation

Which was referred to the Street Commissioner

M[r] Wilson presented the following resolution which was unanimously agreed to

Resolved that as an additional tribute of respect from this Corporation to Captain Hull he be requested to honor them with a sitting for his portrait to be deposited in the picture Gallery of the City Hall and transmitted to posterity as a memorial of the high sence enter-

tained by this Corporation of the brilliant victory obtained by the United States Frigate Constitution, under his command over the British Frigate Guerriere Cap^{n} Dacres in his action on the 20th August 1812

Resolved that M^{r} Wilson M^{r} Jones and M^{r} Hedden be a Committee to transmit the preceding Resolution and with the assent of Capt^{n} Hull, to take measures to carry the same into effect

Resolved that the following be a committee to report with all convenient speed as to the measures which should be addopted respecting [355] the public Squares.

Com^{te} M^{r} Wilson
M^{r} King
M^{r} Hedden

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrants for payment of the following Accts

Lawrence & V^{n} Wart Watch	498.75
Farrington & White Do	621.25
Hays & Bogart Do	670.25
Angevine & Hedden Do	339.50
W^{m} B Miller 32 Watch Caps 4 District	112.
W Fish City Treasurer 6 Mo Sal^{y}—due 14 Aug 1812	250.
John A Crolius Insp^{r} Bread 1 Q^{r} Sal^{y} to 8 Sep Bal^{c}	81.80
Rich^{d} Harrison Counsel fee case of obstructions at Wards Bridge	20.
Tho^{s} Shaw hire of Gig for M^{r} Wilson & M^{r} Simpson to State prison twice	3.
Henry Brush repar^{s} Pumps 7 & 10 Wds	72.50
Comstock & Sawyer 57 Casks of Oil	2731.82
Ephraim Ginnings Sup^{dt} Lamps 1 Mo 11 Inst	557.80
John Kelly repairing Lamps 3 Mo to 11 Inst	141.48
Andrew Stockholm award for ground Collect St	2790.
Tho^{s} & Geo Lovett Acct Broome St	400.
[356] Ab^{rm} Stagg bal^{c} on North St from Bowery to First St	288.31
Stephen Ludlum & other Assessor for opening Collect St	100.
John Bailey bal^{c} due for repaving Batavia Lane	69. 5
Ja^{s} Kelly bal^{c} for repaving Sugar loaf St from B^{d} Way to Church St	61.43
Ja^{s} Nelson Canal St Bond bal^{c} in full	3871.77
Dan^{l} Holsman Canal S^{t} Bond As^{gd} by P Lorrilard	1749.75
Geo Lorrilard Am^{t} Due for C^{l} S^{t} award Bal^{c}	153.27
Jn^{o} M^{c}Comb J^{r} Pay Master N C Hall	1000.
	16.583.73

[357] In Common Council Septr 21. 1812.

Present The Honl De Witt Clinton Mayor President

Thomas Carpenter John Morss George Buckmaster Peter H Wendover Nicholas Fish John Pell	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Junr Peter Hawes Augustine H Lawrence Elisha W King George Wilson Josiah Hedden William J Waldron Wm A Hardenbrook John Drake	Assistants

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of John Johnson, stating that he had been served with an ordinance for filling in certain Lots which he conceived he had complied with but he had received information from the Attorney that he had incurred a penalty for not complying with the ordinance. Ordered, to be referred to the Street Commissioner

[358] A Memorial from James Striker stating that in the year 1804 he received a water grant opposite to his property in the 9th Ward that he had made no improvement on it that one of the streets laid out by the commissioners terminates at that place and therefore upon remission of the rent due to the Corporation he would relinquish his right to the same. Ordered that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner Comptroller and Alderman and Assistant of the Ward

The City Inspector presented Drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 645 to N° 655, which were passed.

A Letter from John Stevens stating that some property which had been stolen from him had been discovered by the Officers of the Police and had been sold, and praying return of the money upon payment of the expenses.

Ordered to be referred to the police Magistrates and Treasurer.

A Petition of James Welden praying remission of a penalty incurred by not reporting [359] Passengers was read and referred to the Attorney with authority to remit the same.

A Petition of James Paxton praying payment for a quantity of Flag Stones furnished for paving Marketfield Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of William Johnston praying that a former Petition presented by him respecting a Balc due from him as Lessee of Wharves and slips, might be referred, was read and referred to the Finance Committee & Comptroller.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

Eng Compy No 34

Isaac Wand. Painter Herring St 8th Wd Vc Cornelius Ostrander removed

No 39.

Benjm E Bremner Vesey St 3 Wd Vc Joseph H Terry resigned

No 26

John Delozen Grocer cherry & Charlotte St 7 Wd
Vce Peter Peterson Do

James Clark Blacksmith 19 Norfolk St 10 Wd
Vc Henry Brown Do

Azel Bryan Cartman 148 Lombardy St 7 Wd
Vce Richd Carpenter Do

John C Redmond Grocer 141 Henry St 7 Wd
Vce John Buckley Do

Abm Meserole Grocer 71 Lombardy St 7 Wd
Vce John Vorhees Do

[360] No 23

John Westervelt Cartman 30 Provost St 5 Wd
Vce Ely White gone off

No 19

Jacob Van Pelt Carpenter 65 Pump St 10 Wd
Vc Timothy Jones Do

Joseph Hyde Butcher 152 Hester St 10 Wd Vce Adam Thompson joined another compy

Thomas Foster Grocer. Pump & Second St 10 Wd Vc Henry Willet resigd

A Recommendation in favor of Abm Allen to be appointed one of the City Watch was read & referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of James Telfair to be appointed an Inspector of Wood was read and referred to the Committee on applications

A Petition of Charles Stewart praying remission of a penalty incurred under the Law [respecting] Chimney Sweepers was read and referred to the Attorney with power to remit

A Representation of Stephen White was read stating that a short time since a favorite Dog belonging to him, while following his wife in the street was taken by one Banks one of the persons employed under the corporation ordinance, to destroy Dogs found at large

that a short time after the Dog returned to him [361] and upon examination he found that said Banks instead of destroying the Dog had sold him to a Mr Bethell for the sum of ten Dollars. Ordered that the same be referred to the Register of Dogs.

The Chief Engineer to whom had been referred the account of Richard Crosby Reported, that agreably to reference of the accounts (herewith enclosed) exhibited by Richard Crosby for building his patent Engine the amount of which (exclusive of his own time and labor) is eight hundred and thirteen Dollars and twenty eight cents that he has carefully examined the same and has cause to believe that impositions have occurred on the part of some of the Mechanics employed in the completion of this machine, and that the patentee has labored under great disadvantages in this his first essay; yet notwithstanding the charges are high, and taking into consideration the pecuniary situation of the Inventor, he respectfully recommends that the Engine be accepted by paying the Bills to the respective persons who have furnished [362] materials

All which is respectfully submitted

(Sigd) Thos Franklin
Chf Engr

Which was agreed to and the Comptroller was directed to report a warrant for the same

The Building Committee presented the following Report

The Building Committee of the City Hall beg leave to report That the advanced state of the building has enabled your committee to dispense with the services of several of the Master Workmen and also with the services of a Treasurer. Mr McComb the Superintendant having sufficient leisure will attend to the payment of accounts hereafter presented. In consequence of which arrangement [they] have had a settlement with Mr Sickels the late Treasurer and find a ballance of $734 13/100 due him and for which amount they recommend that a warrant be issued

(Signed) John Morss
Nichls Fish
Wm J Waldron
A H Lawrence

[363] which was approved and the Comptroller was directed to report a warrant accordingly

The A[l]derman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner to whom it was referred reported an ordinance for a Pump

in Broome Street between Broad Way and Elm Street, and for one in Carmine Street, which were passed and George Ireland, Lemuel Skidmore and John Brown were appointed Assessors in each

The Committee on the petition for flagging the Walks in Duane Street, reported an ordinance for the same, from William to Rose Street, which was passed and John Mowatt Junr James Masterton Jehiel Jagger William Stilwell and Stephen Kingsland were appointed Assessors

The Committee on the petition for paving Charlotte Slip presented an ordinance for the same, which was passed and William Stilwell. John Brown Jehiel Jagger James Masterton & John Mowatt Junr were appointed Assessors.

The Committee on the petition for paving a [364] part of Maiden Lane also reported an Ordinance for the same which was passed and the same persons were appointed Assessors as in the last ordinance

A Letter from Cornelius Howard of Ba[l]timore County Maryland one of the Commissioners appointed by an act of the Legislature of this State to examine and report as to the best method of draining the Collect and Lispenards meadow was laid before the board by which it appeared that he declined accepting the said appointment.

Whereupon the Common Council agreably to the provisions of the act proceeded to elect a person in his stead when Thomas Poppleton of Baltimore in the State of Maryland was chosen. The Letter from Mr Howard together with one from Mr Poppleton & Mr Eli Whitney on the same subject which were read. were ordered to be filed

The report of the Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Inhabitants in the vicinity of James Slip which was presented on the 16 March last and was laid for consideration [365] was taken up The Report was as follows

That New Slip is at present very contracted not being sufficient to contain more than about one half the number of craft that would otherwise come there, Your committee are of opinion that it is indispensibly necessary to enlarge the Slip and for that purpose they respectfully recommend that for the present a pier be carried out on each side of the slip agreably to the plan which is herewith submitted

(Signed) R Cunningham
Elisha W King
Saml Stilwell

After some consideration thereof the report was approved and the Street Commissioner & Superintendant of Repairs were directed to carry the same into effect agreably to the proposed plan.

Alderman Wendover presented a Resolution directing a sum of money to be applied to the furnishing vegetables to the Troops of Militia stationed in the vicinity of the Narrows which was directed to be referred to the Committee of Defence.

[366] Resolved that the Report of the Committee respecting the Form of certificates for City Stock and the appointment of a person to issue the same and also the report of the Committee on the subject of the removal of the Weigh Scales from Gouverneurs Slip be the order of the day at the next Meeting

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury about	$10000

Whereupon his Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrants for payment of the following Acctᵉ

Tunis Quick & John V B Varrick Assessors of Tax 1 Wᵈ	89.
Joseph Riley & J Clark Ass Tax.....2 Dᵒ	75.
L Kipp & D D Smith Dᵒ .....3 Dᵒ	100.
Leonard Fisher & Thoˢ Bloodgood.....4 Dᵒ	82.50
Samˡ Hutchins & Benj Hoghland.....5 Dᵒ	86.12
J McClure & Lewis Angevine.....6 Dᵒ	117.50
D Bayard S Ackerly & J McMasters.....7 Dᵒ	113.
Isaac Emmon & Joⁿ Pinkney.....8 Dᵒ	104.
Jacob Horne & Peter Waldron.....9 Dᵒ	110.
Wᵐ Thurston & Thoˢ Cooper.....10 Dᵒ	84.50
John Tiebout Stationary for Street Comssʳ 2ᵈ June to 19 Septʳ	13.25
[367] Benjᵃ Bayles balance paving First St	165.66
Henry Hulshart Inspecting Sundry Streets	53.29
Christopher Nevin contract filling part Collect Street	35.
George Lorillard Canal St Bond in full	1751.75
John Randall Jʳ Acct Surveys	500.
John McComb Junʳ Paymaster New City Hall	1500.
Richard Furman Treasurer New Alms House	5000.
	9980.57
Balᵉ	19.43

[368] In Common Council Sept[r] 28 1812

Present The Hon[l] De Witt Clinton Mayor President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jun[r]	Assistants
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes	
Charles Dickenson		Augustine H Lawrence	
Richard Cunningham		George Wilson	
John Morss		Josiah Hedden	
George Buckmaster		William J Waldron	
Peter H Wendover		Wm A Hardenbrook	
Nicholas Fish			
John Pell			

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

Petitions for a Well in Mott Street between Pell and Chatham Street and for a Well in Second Street between Hester and Grand Street were read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report ordinances

A Petition of William Hawley for remission [369] of penalty incurred under the Sunday Law was read and referred to the Attorney with authority to remit the same.

A Petition of George M Patten for Stall N° 1 in the Market about to be erected at Greenwich, and a recommendation for Elizabeth Smallen, for Huckerstand was read and referred to the Market committee.

A Resignation of D[r] Buchanan as Physician to the Alms House and Bridewell was read and accepted. and Resolved that until a successor is appointed D[r] Smith be authorized to receive the compensation that was allowed to D[r] Buchanan

A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants of Georges Slip, against the removal of the Hay scales from Gouverneurs Slip was read and ordered to be filed.

A Remonstrance from the Heirs of John Rogers by I L Kip Guardian, Against the present width of side walks at Beekman Slip was read and referred to the Alderman and [370] Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Benjamin Smith Lessee of Corporation Ferry House at Brooklyn stating that at the late fire at said place the House he occupied was destroyed and praying an extension of the lease of the grounds was read and referred to the Ferry Committee Street Commissioner and Comptroller to whom also the subject of the disposal of the whole grounds at Brooklyn was referred.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

Fire Eng Compy No 4

Cyrenus Morris Sadler 51 Bayard St 10th Wd Vce S Hatch resigd

No 6

Cornelius C Segoine Grocer 58 White Hall 1 Wd
Vce Stepn Segoine Do

No 29

George Storms Gardener Greenwich 8th Wd Vce Josh Blauvelt Do

No 30.

Mathew Vogel. Cartman Orchard St 10 Wd Vc G Griffiths Do
Gerge Pine. Cordwainer. Rivington St 10 Wd Vc James Gray Do
David Wooley Do 73 Hester St 10 Wd Vc Saml Totten Expelled

A Representation of the Police Magistrates [371] was received stating that their Office had formerly been supplied with fuel by the Corporation, and requesting directions to that effect in future was read and referred to the building Committee.

A Petition of Whitmore and Jackson Auctioneers for permission to sell Household furniture in Wall St. was read and referred to Mr Jones Mr Hardenbrook Mr Wilson

A Petition of John Stevens Esqr praying ground to be leased to him, wheron to erect a Ferry House, and for the exclusive use of the Basin at the Market about to be erected at the foot of Vesey Street for the purposes of his Steam Boats was read and referred to the Ferry Committee. Street Commissioner and Comptroller

A Complaint of James Scott against Joseph Brotherton and other Watchmen for ill usage was read and referred to the Watch Committee

Abner Curtis to whom was referred the petition [372] of Stephen White Reported. That he has the honor to present the within affidavits (viz) Wm Bonker & Wm Bethel. he begs leave further to state that the said Stephen White has not regestered any Dog to this day.

(Signd) A Curtis

Afft Wm Bunker.

City N Y } ss

Wm Bunker being duly sworn deposeth and sayeth, that according to the directions he received from Abner Curtis register and Col-

lector of Dogs for the City and county of New York, did about three weeks since, capture take and carry away, a certain pointer Dog running at large without a Collar, against an Ordinance of the Hon[l] Corporation of this City. which Dog he left with M[r] W[m] Bethel upon the following condition: that if the Dog prove to be good for any thing and worth keeping that he would register him. M[r] Bethel after some few days, requested him to take the Dog from him, that he was not worth keeping. but fortunately for the aforesaid Pointer Dog, as he understands, from M[r] Bethel, the very day he was to have taken him from M[r] Bethel, he made his escape, and has never been seen by the deponent from that day [373] to this. he further says that he never received one cent from M[r] Bethel for the aforesaid dog

further the Dep[t] saith not

his
W[m] Bonker
mark

Sworn to before me
this 26 day of Sept 1812
(Sig[d]) C Schultz. Jun[r] S. J.

Aff[d] W[m] Bethel

City & Co N Y ss.

W[m] Bethel being duly sworn deposeth and sayeth that what is contained in the within affidavit of W[m] Bonker as respects the Deponent is perfectly correct

(Sign[d]) Geo Cumming Ass Justice

NB He further says that he applied to M[r] Curtis to know if the transaction was correct by M[r] P Garness if so he would register the dog immediately. M[r] Curtis said it was correct

(Sig[d]) W[m] Bethell.

Which report was approved.

Whereupon Resolved that said White have leave to withdraw his petition

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of James Striker Reported, that in their opinion the facts therein set forth are true and [374] that the offer of the Memorialist ought to be accepted

(Sign[d]) Nich[s] Fish
G N. Bleecker Compt[r]
Sam[l] Stilwell S[t] Coms[r]

Which was approved and the Comptroller was directed to take from said Striker a reconveyance of the Grant hertofore made to him.

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition for paving Murray Street reported an ordinance for paving the same from Church St to the Westerly Line of the College Yard which was passed, and William Stilwell John Brown. Jehiel Jagger James Masterton & John Mowatt Junr were appointed Assessors.

The Police officers to whom was referred the Petition of John Stevens reported

That they are of opinion that the request of Mr Stevens is reasonable and ought to be complied with

(Signd) Charles Christian
James Warner
C Shultz Jte
W Fish City Treasr

[375] Which was approved and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant accordingly

The Report of the Committee on the petition for the removal of the Hay Scales from Gouverneurs Slip, was taken into consideration and being read was as follows

The Committee to whom was referred the within petition beg leave to report that they have made enquiry into the complaints set forth in the within petition, and are of opinion for the reasons therein stated that the Hay Scales within mentioned ought to be removed to Charlotte Slip on or near the ground they were formerly erected upon

(Signed) John Pell
J Hedden

Which Report was confirmed. Alderman Buckmaster gave notice that he would at the next Meeting, move for a reconsideration of the vote taken on said report.

The Law prescribing the form of certificates for the New York City Stock and for other purposes. was agreably to order taken into consideration. the first clause of the same being read [376] was in the words following.

Be it ordained by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, that a fit and proper person shall be appointed by the Common Council to be called and known by the name of the

And be it further ordained that it shall be the duty of the said to aid and assist the Comptroller of this City in the execution of the duties of his Office and to observe

and perform such directions and regulations in the premises as shall from time to time be prescribed by the Common Council or by the Comptroller.

Upon the question of agreing to the same a division having been called it was passed in the negative in manner following

Negative 10

Alde[n] Mesier. Wendover. Cunningham Pell Morss Buckmaster. Mess[rs] Jones Waldron Wilson. Hardenbrook

Affirmative 6

Ald[n] Fish. Carpenter Dickenson Mess[s] Hawes. Lawrence. Hedden.

The remaining part of the Bill was [377] then read by paragraphs agreed to and passed

The Committee on the Petition of Charles Smith and Wife Executors of J Wilkins deceas[d] presented a report which being read was referred to the Council of the Board with directions to examine and report whether the title to the property could be acquired in the mode prescribed by statute for the acquirement of ground taken for public purposes

On Motion Resolved that the Superintend[t] of Repairs be directed at the expense of this Board to cause the Hulk now lying opposite to White Hall Ferry to be taken up and removed

A Member stating that he had business of a confidential nature to communicate the doors were closed—It was stated that it was necessary to procure a scite for an Engine House, that one very suitable for that purpose could be had in Mulberry Street near the corner of Broome Street. I[t] was therefore referred to the Committee on the Fire Department to purchase at their discretion the said lot for the above purpose, and M[r] Hawes was requested to examine the title to the same as Council on behalf of the Board

[378] The Committee of Defence to whom was referred the Resolution proposed by Alder[n] Wendover at the last Meeting for appropriating a sum for the purpose of supplying vegetables to the Militia. Reported as their opinion that the sum of $300 be appropriated for the supply of vegetables to the Militia now on duty for the defence of this Port which was agreed to and a Warrant was ordered immediately to issue for the same, and the distribution was confided to

Alde[n] Fish
" Carpenter
" Wendover

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury about	$16000

Whereupon his Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrants for payment of the following Accts

Lawrence & Vn Wart Watch	498.75
Farrington & White Do	621.25
Hays & Bogart Do	670.25
Angevine & Hedden Do	316.75
Editor of Mercantile Advertizer	24.44
Lang & Turner advertiz[i]ng	13.32
Thos Franklin Chf Engr to pay accts for New Engine by R Crosby	813.28
[379] Wm Rhinelander Assgn Bond to P Rhinelander	2747.73
Thos & Geo Lovett acct Broome St	600.
Ezekiel Bishop & other Assessors on 8 streets	185.50
Thos & Geo Lovett Balc paving James St	33.30
Jas Kelly repairing Intersections Elm & Hester Street	30.
Higgins and Parks 730 Loads earth at Courtlandt St Slip	91.25
Hugh Smith Contract for filling Collect ground	88.91
ONeil and Lee Well & Pump in Greenwich St near Hammond	90.
Jas Richardson Pump in Charles St near Greenwich Street	69.
Jas Richardson clearing Wells 1. 10 Wds	31.75
John H Sickels late Treasr N C Hall bal. his Acct	734.12
John McComb Junr Paymasr N C Hall	6000.
Jacob P Roome Supdt Reprs pay Workmen	1500.
Board Health Committee to settle all Accts	600.
Nichs Fish Chairn Comte Defence	300.
	16059.60

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OF

MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

OCTOBER 5, 1812 TO MAY 17, 1813

[1] In Common Council Octob^{r} 5 1812.

Present. The Hon^{l} DeWitt Clinton Mayor President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jun^{r}	Assistants
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes	
John Morss		Augustine H Lawrence	
Isaac S Douglass		Elisha W King	
George Buckmaster		George Wilson	
P H Wendover		William J Waldron	
Nicholas Fish		Wm A Hardenbrook	
John Pell		John Drake	
		Michael M Titus	
		Josiah Hedden	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Memorial was presented signed by Committees in behalf of the New York Society Library, The Academy of Arts, The New York Historical Society and also by several highly respectable Citizens of the City representing that they are of opinion that the surest means to promote the order and happiness of a Community is to encourage every practicable [2] scheme which tends to exalt the intellectual character of its Members by diffusing among them the blessings of useful knowlege. That impressed with that sentiment they have for some time past felt an earnest solicitude to witness the foundation and growth in this City of an establishment for the promotion of Arts and sciences—That the particular subjects which they should wish to be embraced in said Institution would be 1st a Museum of Natural History. 2^{d} an Academy of Fine Arts 3 Means of Instruction in useful and liberal Sciences such as Chemistry Mechanical Philosophy Agriculture and Botany. 4th a Society for the encouragement of Arts Manufactures and Commerce. 5 An extensive public Library 6 an Historical Society. 7 An Atheneum or public reading room.

That they are of opinion very considerable funds could be raised in the City for this purpose but that the great desideratum is a large convenient and central building and on terms of economy suited to an infant establishment. Such a building in their opinion the present crisis of the City Councils affords; in which the Common Council [3] have to decide upon two or more large buildings admirably suited to the purpose.

They therefore pray of the Common Council to grant the establishment of an Institution for the promotion of arts an[d] sciences in this City to be called the "New York Institution for the promotion of arts and sciences" and to appropriate so much of the present Alms House as may be needful for its compleat accommodation together with such further provision for its perfect establishment as may hereafter appear to be necessary

Which having been read, it was Resolved that the same be referred to Alder[n] Fish Alder[n] Morss Alder[n] Pell M[r] Jones M[r] Wilson

A Memorial from M[r] Fulton proposing to take a lease of the Ferry to Brooklyn on the East River for the purpose of establishing thereon a Steam Boat ferry, was read and referred to M[r] Lawrence Alde[n] Pell M[r] Hawes

[4] A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants against the Assessment for filling in Courtlandt Street Slip and for building a Bulk head thereon was presented

The Street Commissioner also laid before the Board the Assessment which had been advertized together with a communication referring to the above remonstrance. Whereupon Resolved that the same be referred to Alder[n] Mesier Alder[n] Wendover Alder[n] Douglass

A Petition from sundry Butchers in Spring Street Market remonstrating against the establishment of a Market in the village of Greenwich was read and the consideration postponed until the reading of the Market Committee's Report on the subject of said Greenwich Market

A Petition of Cornelius De Groot praying assistance for the maintenance of his son who is a lunatic and in the Hospital was read and referred to the Committee of Charity

[5] A Petition of Thomas Place for remission of penalties incurred under the Law regulating Public Markets, was read, and Resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition

A Memorial from Silas Lord was read, stating, That he has a Mortgage for $5000 upon ground owned by Thomas Duggan which has been taken by Assessment for opening Canal Street that considering himself the owner of said property he prays the money so assessed for said ground may be paid to him undertaking to indemnify the Corporation for such payment.

Ordered to be referred to the Canal Committee, Attorney, and Comptroller

The following persons were appointed Firemen The Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engn Compy No 14

George Griffin Coach maker 40 Chapple St 5 Wd

Vce Alexr Black resgd

No 15

John Bremner Grocer 7 Cath Slip 7 Wd Vce. Phillip C Ruckle Do

No 22.

Edward Conly. Shipwright No 74 Banker St 7 Ward vice Richard Morrel resigned

[6] No 27.

Ira Martin Grocer. Anthony St 5 Wd Vce A Brigam

No 32

Thomas Palmer Grocer Spring St 8th Wd Vce Moses Devoe expelled

A Petition was received from John Thompson stating, that in 1804 he leased a Lot of Land from the Corporation. That immediately thereafter an action of ejectment was commenced against him for said land by James Kip that in consequence thereof he was restrained from making any improvement on said Lot; and has moreover been at expenses in defending said suit. That he has lately been called upon by the Attorney of the Board for payment of arrears of rent but respectfully prayed a remission thereof and also an extension of his lease in consideration of the circumstances of his case.

Ordered to be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward and Comptroller

A Petition of John Youle and Abraham Legget stating that they are about building on their Lots at Corlears Hook and praying to have the line of the Street ascertained, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

[7] A Petition of Charlotte Sandford for a Coffee Stand in the Hudson Market, was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Charles Lowneds was read stating that at the late fire at Brooklyn a Schooner belonging to him was taken from the foot of Oliver Street by some of the Firemen for the purpose of carrying an Engine to Brooklyn. That thereby the said schooner has been considerably damaged, and praying compensation. Ordered to be referred to the Chief Engineer

A Petition of Walter Nixsen praying remission of a penalty in-

curred under the Law regulating the lying of Vessels in Slips alledging that it arrose from his vessel's having been driven by the Wind into the fly market slip and not from design, was read, and Resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 655 to N° 670. which were passed.

An account of James Hardie for cleaning the Drain in Chapple Street. amounting to $30.29. [8] was presented and directed to be audited by the Comptroller and a Warrant to be reported for payment thereof.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on the assessment for paving Chamber Street. Whereupon a warrant was ordered to be issued to the collector, for collecting of the same.

The Attorney of the Board, Reported, That suits have been recently commenced against Captn Sickels. Dade and Stacey for not reporting certain alien passengers, and giving Bonds for them according to Law. But that he is satisfied that the penalties in these cases have not been wilfully or fraudently incurred. he therefore respectfully submits to the Common Council the propriety of remitting these penalties on the usual terms as to Captn Sickels and Dade. Captn Stacey is not able to comply with the provisions of the Law; inasmuch as he does not know the names of the passengers who were imported by him, nor to what Countries they owe allegiance Those Passengers being Seafaring Men and transient persons who were permitted by [9] him to land without his being aware of the necessity of making report of them. In this case the Attorney submits to the Board the propriety of accepting from Captn Stacey and his Sureties a special Bond to indemnify the City from the Expence which may arrise from the importation of all and every person so imported by him

(Signed) D S Jones.

Which Report was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner reported that upon examining certain Deeds of Cession for Streets from North Moore Street to Christopher Street from Trinity Church, it appears that the Seal of the Corporation has been neglected to be put to them that the Vestry of said church refuse to affix the Seal unless the Corporation permit them to enclose old Greenwich Street which was understood when they ceded New Greenwich Street they were to be permitted to do. Ordered that the same be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward.

The Market Committee on the petitions of Peter Welt for stand N° 30 of Thomas Hammond [10] for Stall N° 3 and of John Nash for Stall N° 44 Fly market reported in favor of granting the prayers of the petitioners. which Report was approved.

A Report of the Board of Health of their proceedings during the last season was read and ordered to be filed

A Resolution of the Board of Health recommending that an additional person be appointed to inspect the privies during the coming Winter, and recommending D^r^ Benj^n^ Hicks for that purpose was read, and agreed to and Resolved that Benjamin Hicks be appointed accordingly.

The Attorney agreably to order reported his opinion on the subject of the title which might be procured for the Wharf belonging to the Estate of Jacob Wilkins Deceased which was ordered to be referred to the former Committee on the petition of the Executor of Wilkins Viz M^r^ Jones. Ald^n^ Wendover M^r^ Wilson

The Committee on the petition of Whitmore and Jackson Reported that in their opinion [11] leave be granted agreably to the prayer of the petition during the pleasure of the Board.

Which was agreed to.

The Market Committee on the Petition for erecting a Market at Greenwich presented a Report respecting the same and also respecting the Market about to be erected in the place of Hudson Market as follows.

That they have again had the subject of accommodating the Village of Greenwich with a Market, under their consideration; and feel pursuaded that this desirable object may now be obtained, if the proposition made by The Corporation of Trinity Church meets the approbation of this Board. The Vestry of that church offer to make a cession of a piece of ground, to be used for a public Market by this Corporation, of fifty Feet wide on the South side of Christopher Street, and extending in length on the line of said Street from greenwich to Washington Street; as by the Map herewith presented will more fully appear. On condition however that when said ground shall cease to be so used it shall then revert back again

Your Committee consider the spot, located [12] as very accommodating, and believe it will meet the wishes generally of that neighbourhood. They also view the proposition of the proprietors as being very liberal and recommend the acceptance thereof: Also that the appropriation of one hundred and fifty Dollars formerly made towards

building on the property of Mr G Gilbert be applied towards erecting a Market on the ground now offered to be ceded.

Your Committee beg leave further to Report that they have been as attentive to the duty assigned them, respecting the new Market to be built on the West side of the Town as a substitute for the present Hudson Market, as the times and circumstances of the City would admit. The Plan as agreed upon by the Board has been substantially adhered to. But, as in the opinion of your Committee the compleating of one half of said plan at present will answer all purposes, their contracts as yet have provided for laying this Fall The foundation only along Washington Street and fifty feet thereof down Vesey and Partition Streets. Your Committee moreover propose making a Contract for the Stone Pillars which [13] may be required in order that the superstructure may without interruption progress early in the Spring

A Payment on account of the Contracts for said Market of about Two thousand Dollars will be due in a few days. Your Committee therefore request an appropriation to this amount may be made

All which is respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Peter Mesier
Augustᵗ H Lawrence
John Pell
Michˡ M Titus.

Which was approved, and a Warrant was directed to issue for $2000. in favor of the Chairman of said Committee agreably to said Report.

The Committee to whom the subjects were referred Reported Ordinances for a Well in Second Street between Hester and Grand Street and for a Well in Mott Street between Chatham and Pell Street which were passed and Stephen Kingsland, Soloman Wheeler and Peter F Cisco were appointed Assessors in the former and Stephen Kingsland. William Stilwell and John Brown in the latter.

[14] Alderman Buckmaster agreably to notice given moved for a reconsideration of the Vote of last Meeting upon the removal of the Hay Scales from Gouverneurs Slip when upon the Question being taken it was agreed to reconsider the same. It was then agreed to refer the subject to, Mr Lawrence Aldn Mesier Aldn Carpenter

Mr Hardenbrook from the Committee on the Fire Department reported that agreably to the Resolution of the board at the last Meeting they had purchased the Lot in Mulberry Street for an Engine House for the sum of $600. Whereupon resolved that the At-

torney examine the Title to the same and when approved by him that a Warrant issue for the payment of the same.

The Committee on the Fire Department were also requested to give instructions to cause an Engine House to be erected on said Lot

Ordered that the subject of a gore or piece of ground at intersection of Broad Way and Bowery owned by Stephen Ludlum [15] be referred to the Street Commissioner

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury abt	$18.700

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrants for the following Accounts

Saml Stilwell St Comsr 1 Qr Saly 5 Inst and Sundry Expenses	386. 6
R Graves Asst St Comsr 1 Mo Saly 1 Inst	65.
A B Holmes Depy Do " "	52.
Saml Green Do " "	52.
Jas Hardie Asst C Inspr " "	62.50
Wm P Roome Keepr Potters field " "	45.
Saml Brower 3 Mo Subscripn P Advertiser 5 Inst	18.75
Joseph Brundidge removing Hulk Basin Canal St	15.
Jonathan Hardman Overseer Roads 1 Mo to 1 Inst	213.81
Comstock and Sawyer 43 Casks Oil for Lamps	2019.88
Isaac Bronson Assignee Canal St Bond to Miller & Baker in full	2144.70
Danl Johnson Well and Pump in Grand St between 2d & 3d Streets	193.32
Thos Scott paving Intersections Marketfield St near Battery	939.92
[16] John Bogert balance of award for ground to open Collect Street	480.
Thos & Geo Lovett acct Broome St	400.
John Bailey paving Intersectn Streets	106.41
John McComb Jr Paymtr N C Hall	1500.
Richd Furman Supdt Alms House	5000.
Do " Treasr N D Do Do	5000.
Peter Mesier Esqr Chm Mark Committee for New Washington Market	2000.

[17] In Common Council October 12 1812.

present The Honl De Witt Clinton Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistants
Charles Dickenson	Samuel Jones Junr
Richard Cunningham	Peter Hawes
John Morss	Augustine H Lawrence
George Buckmaster	Elisha W King
Peter H Wendover	George Wilson
John Pell	Michael M Titus
	William J Waldron
	John Drake
	William A Hardenbrook

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Peter Tharp praying remission of Rent for a Room in Spring Street Watch House rented by him for a School Room alledging his utter inabillity on account of losses to pay the same, was read and referred to the Committee on Charity

A Petition of John Hitchcock stating himself to have been wounded in the [18] Revolutionary War and on account of Age and infirmities being unable to procure a livelyhood, and praying relief was read and referred to the same Committee

Petitions of A L Stewart and Grove Wright praying remission of Penalties under Ordinances directing filling in certain Lots were read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Nicholas Thompson praying remission of a Penalty incurred under an Ordinance respecting a nuisance was read and referred to the City Inspector

A Petition of W^m^ Patterson praying remission of a penalty incurred under the Carriage Law. Alledging that the offence charged, was cantering his Horse while on actual duty as an Officer of the Militia. Ordered to be referred to the Attorney to enquire of the fact whether it was while on duty with his Regiment and if so with authority to remit the same

A Petition of Peter Van Zandt Jun^r^ praying remission of penalty under [19A] Carriage Law. Stating that the offence charged was cantering his Horse, and alledging that it is the uniform and almost the only gait of his Horse and that his speed was scarcely that of three Miles an hour.

Ordered that petitioner have leave to withdraw his pe[ti]tion.

A Petition from Catharine Ritter praying permission to erect a vault fronting her house corner Broad Way and Maiden Lane, was read and Ordered to be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A Petition of D^r^ Isaac Ball to be appointed Physician to the Alms House and Bridewell in place of D^r^ Buchanan, resigned.

Was read and referred to the Committee on applications.

Petitions of W^m^ Walsh Richard Harper and John W Brismead praying remission of penalties incurred by selling liquor on Sunday were read and referred to the Attorney with directions to enter up judgment [19B] against Defendants and upon payment of Costs and the proportion of Fine due Informer to stay execution until the further order of the Board

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 670 to N° 685. which were passed.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Eng Comp N° 17.

John Dougherty Cooper 69 Banker St 7 W^d Vce C Westcoat resg^d

N° 21.

Peter Crosman. Shoemaker. 64 Fair St 2^d W^d V^c R^d Ely D°

N° 30

Adam W Turnbull. Grocer. Third S^t 10^th W^d
Vce Benj Lawrence D°

N° 37.

Selah Platt Cartman Orchard S^t 10 W^d
Vce Evert V^n Vredenburgh D°

N° 40

William Vonck Butcher Elisabeth St 8 W^d Vce Elias Marsh D°
Ernest Keyser Butcher 140 Bowery Lane 8 W^d Vce J B Kyse D°
Dan^l Mastin. Wheelwright 128 Bow^y Lane 8 W^d Vce J Skilman D°

The Comptroller to whom was referred the Memorial of Jeremiah Lott Reported [20] that although a considerable time has elapsed since those bills should have been presented for payment. yet it appears just under all the circumstances of the case to pay the amount and it is accordingly recommended, that a Warrant should issue to M^r Lott for the sum of $10.73, and that the Bills should be destroyed

respectfully submitted
(Sig^d) G N Bleecker Comp^r

Which was agreed to and the Comptroller was directed to report a warrant for the same

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for a Well in Charles Street and one also for a Well in Greenwich Street which were confirmed and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector for each

The Chief Engineer on the petition of Charles Lowndes, Reported that he had attended to the subject of the petition and recommended that petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition, which was agreed to

Upon the Report of the Attorney the penalties incurred by Captains Hunt & Darrando for not reporting passengers were remitted on [21] payment of costs and giving the requisite Bonds.

The Street Commissioner on the petition of John Youle and A Legget Reported

That he has caused a Map to be made of the ground between Montgomery and Corlears Streets South of Water Street shewing the extent of the present Docks and Wharves, and the depth of water to a line 400 feet south of Water Street.

He has drawn with pencil lines Front Street 50 feet wide—140 feet from Water Street and South Street 70 feet wide 140 feet from Front Street, making in all 400 feet from Water Street

From every view the Street Commission has been able to have of this subject, this appears to him the best plan to be addopted for the improvement of that part of the City and is therefore respectfully submitted

(Signed) Saml Stillwell St. Comsr

Which was approved and the plan agreed to

The Comptroller to whom was referred the petition of J Ridgeway. Reported

That he has delayed making a Report [22] on this subject in consequence of permission having been granted to the petitioner on the 5th August 1811 on his application to the Board for liberty to assign the said Lease to Mrs Deborah Smith of New Town Queens County

A Mortgage on this Lot was given to Mrs Smith which has lately been settled, as appears by documents exhibited by Mrs Hopper. No inconvenience can now result from a compliance with the request of Mr Ridgeway and it is recommended that a new Lease be made by the Attorney of the Board, on a surrender of the one already issued

respectfully Submitted

(Sign'd) G N Bleecker Comptr

Which was agreed to

The Street Commissioner to whom at the last Meeting was referred the subject of a Gore of Land at the corner of Broad Way and the Bowery Reported a Map of the ground Whereupon it was resolved that it was not expedient to take any further order in the premises

Mr Hardenbrook stated verbally that it [23] was a request from Mr Phineas Underwood to whom on[e] of the Inclenburgh Lots had been leased that the Corporation would enclose the same. It was thereupon Resolved to refer the same to Mr Hardenbrook to act in the premises as he should judge expedient.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Street Commissioner on the subject of old Greenwich Road, reported that

in the opinion of your Committee no cause exists for continuing said Road open, and therefore recommend that the Corporation of Trinity Church be permitted to enclose the same at their discretion at any time after the first day of April next on condition that the Deed of cession for the Streets referred to in the said report of the Street Commissioner be completed

In connection with the same subject the Committee recommend that the Street Commissioner be directed to take measures for regullating Washington Street from Hubert Street to Christopher Street so that the whole m[a]y be completed by the 1st day of June next

(Signed) P H Wendover
Wm J Waldron

[24] which was agreed to

Mr Jones from the Committee upon the petition from the proprietors of the Hamilton Square Lots reported verbally that the Committee had prepared a statement of the Facts of the case, which he thought it would be advisable to refer to council for their opinion as to the law arrising on the same.

Whereupon Resolved that the said Committee have authority to submit the same to council for an opinion thereon (the council of the Board being one of the Proprietors)

Mr Wilson presented the following Resolution respecting remission of penal[t]ies under the sunday Law, which was agreed to

Resolved that no penalty which shall hereafter be incurred under the ordinances of this Board for the better observation of the Sabbath shall be remitted where a judgment has been obtained on a full hearing.

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$6570

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrants for payment of the following Accounts.

[25] Lawrence & Vn Wart Watch	498.75
Farrington & White Do	621.25
Hays & Bogart Do	670.25
Angevine & Hedden Do	315.
Jacob Morton City Inspr & Clerk 1 Qr Salary 4th & 10th Inst	437.50
Francis Lynch Inspr Bread 1 Qr to 10 Inst Balc	99.
Wm M Summers Do Do 9th Do	96.20
Mott Hicks Deputy St Comsr 1 Mo. Saly 1 Inst	52.
John Stevens for a pr Globes sold by police Officers ordd by Board	21.50
Jeremiah Lott Treasr Dutch Church Flat Bush for Corporation Tickets	10.73

Chas Dickenson to pay J Hardie Act against Bd Health removing nuisances	30.29
George Bowen Carriage hire Rd Committee	8.
Campbell & Renderwood Whitewashing & painting Duane Market	15.
Geo Parker Lot ground for Engine House in Mulberry Street	600.
E Ginnings Supdt Lamps 1 Mo to 11 Inst	560.55
Wm Whitlock assignee Canal St Bond to Grove Wright	1037.14
Wm Stratton Well & Pump in Elisabt St	198.
George Charlton Well & Pump in Delancy St between 2d & 3d Streets	108.60
Charles Lee Do Do in Carmine St	49.
[26] John Bailey balance repaving Oak Street	76.11
Thomas Scott paving Intersections Easterly side peck Slip	31.87
John Nitchie and other Assessors on Sugar loaf Street	25.
John McComb Jr paymaster New City Hall	1000.
	6561.74
Balc	$8.26

[27] In Common Council Octr 19. 1812

Present The Honl De Witt Clinton Mayor President

Thomas Carpenter	Aldermen	Peter Hawes	Assistants
Charles Dickinson		Augustine H Lawrence	
John Morss		Elisha W King	
George Buckmaster		George Wilson	
Peter H Wendover		Josiah Hedden	
John Pell		Michael M Titus	
		Wm J Waldron	
		Wm A Hardenbrook	
		John Drake	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of David Dunham for remission of penalty incurred under the law regulating Vessels lying in public Slips was read and resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A Petition was received from A L Stewart stating that as the Corporation had directed the Bond originally given to him for $11.904 $^{88}/_{100}$ [28] now held by the Firemen Insurance Company to be paid and to deduct therefrom the Assessment on Canal Street he prayed it might be settled in the following manner. He had given a check in trust to the Insurance Company for the amount of the Assessment upon the whole of the property of Anth Lispenard from Canal and they have agreed upon the payment by the Corporation of the Ballance to receipt the same and to reassign the Bond to him for the amount of the check, which Bond shall be held by him until the

improvement for which the Assessment is made be established and confirmed when the Bond shall be cancelled. Whereupon Resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

On the Report of the Attorney penalties were remitted upon the usual terms to Captns Drews and Bartlett for not reporting Passengers.

A Petition of Dominick Lynch praying remission of a penalty under the ordinance for filling in certain Lots in Collect Street and for extension of time. Whereupon Resolved that the suit be stayed on payment of costs and that time be given to the 1st December next for filling in the Lots.

[29] The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engn Compy No 2

John F Gantz, Ship Builder 116 cherry St 4 Wd
v E H Runnels resgd

No 23.

Ely White Carpenter Clark St 8th Wd vc Thos Heckle Do

No 31.

Silas Hopping Carpenter 50 Leonard St 5 Wd
Vce Jas Howard Do

A Report of the Chief Engineer of appointments in Fire Engine Company No 4 was referred to the Committee on the Fire department

A Petition of David Crone for permission to sell Household furniture at public Auction in the vicinity of the Tontine Coffee house was read and referred to the alderman and Assistant of the First Ward.

The City Inspector on the petition of Nicholas Thompson presented a report recommending the fine to be remitted to him on payment of costs

Which was agreed to.

The City Inspector presented a representation of a chimney in Broad Street which was old and ruinous and highly dangerous to the [30] adjoining neighbours. Whereupon it was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward with a request to direct the nuisance to be removed.

The City Inspector presented Drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from No 686 to No 716 which were passed.

The Street Commissioner on the petition of A L Stewart and

Grove Wright reported. That he has viewed the said lot of ground on which there has been a small quantity of earth lately deposited but the surface yet remains much lower than the Street and not enclosed with fence as it ought to be to prevent its being a receptacle of filth

The Street Commissioner further reports that the Lot of Grove Wright in Laight Street is in a similar situation for which he also petitions for remission of penalty

(Signed) Saml Stilwell St Comsr

Whereupon Resolved that the fines be remitted to G Wright on payment of costs and to A L Stewart on payment of Costs & on causing his lot to be enclosed with a fence

The Watch Committee on the complaint [31] of James Scott against certain Watchmen Reported that the merits of the complaint had been decided by a judicial investigation. and that Scott had been fined $100.

which was approved

The Street Commissioner presented assessments for repairing the Drain and repaving Stone St For a Well and pump in Carmine Street and for a Pump in Elizabeth Street, which were confirmed and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector in the two first and Noah Jarvis in the last.

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for building two Piers at James Slip and also an Ordinance for building a Bulk Head and filling Washington Street between Hubert Street and Le Roy Street which were severally passed

The Street Commissioner presented returns of Delinquents on the Assessment for opening Canal Street, on the Assessment for a pump in Gouverneur Street and for a pump in Grand Street; and Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors for collection of the same.

[32] The Committee on the Petition of Peter Tharp reported. that they have had the same under consideration and cannot find anything to the contrary but that the facts therein stated are true and therefore recommend that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted and also that the Comptroller be directed to take possession of the premises and to try to again let them

(Signed) Michl M Titus
Thos Carpenter
John Drake

Which was agreed to

The same Committee on The Petition of Cornelius De Groot & on the Petition of John Hitchcock. Reported, that they would recommend that the petitioners be referred to the Superrintendant of the Alms House

Which was agreed to.

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury about	$7335

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrants for payment of the following Accounts

Edward Watkeys Candles C Hall	$7.
[33] Thos Mingus Blacksmiths Acct reps	88.
Oliver Waldron OvSr Roads 1 Mo 1 Inst	240.
Wm Howel Award for Canal St Balc	412.44
Wm Kay Well & Pump in No Moore St	109.25
Wm Stratton Do Norfolk St	82.18
Thos & Geo Lovett Acct pavg Broome St	200.
A Stagg Do Do Chamber St	110.
Wm Paulding Jr Amount paid on Assessment Laight St which had been pd	44. 8
Uzall W Freeman Surveying 2d Avenue	40.
John McComb Jr Paymr N C Hall	1000.
Richd Furman Treasr N A House	5000.
	7332.95
Balc	$2. 5

[34] In Common Council October 26 1812

present The Honl De Witt Clinton Mayor president

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones	Assistants
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes	
Charles Dickenson		Augustine H Lawrence	
Richard Cunningham		Elisha W King	
John Morss		George Wilson	
Isaac S Douglass		Josiah Hedden	
George Buckmaster		Michael M Titus	
Peter H Wendover		William J Waldron	
Nicholas Fish		Wm A Hardenbrook	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Recommendation in favor of Catharine Dixon for a stand in the Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of John Langdon to be appointed a measurer of grain was read & granted

A Request of Charles Whitlow, that a Committee may be appointed to examine a [35] native plant discovered by him highly useful in Agriculture was read and referred to Alde^{ns} Fish Wendover & M^{r} Hardenbrook

The City Inspector presented Drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N^{o} 717 to N^{o} 750 which were passed.

A Petition of George Stremple for remission of Judgment against him for penalty incurred by driving his horse faster than the law permits was read and ordered that Execution be stayed till further order, on payment of Costs.

Also a petition of Charles Cox for remission of Judgment against him for keeping a Sweep under age was read and granted on payment of costs

The Street Commissioner presented Assessments for Well and pump in Grand St one in Delancy Street one in North Moore Street and the assessment for widening and improving Pearl St. which were confirmed and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector in [36] the two first and Noah Jarvis for the two last.

A Memorial of C Borgh was read stating that expecting that private subscriptions would be procured for the erection of the Market at the Foot of Gouverneur Street authorized by the Corporation, he had erected the same, but the amount subscribed and collected falls short of the sum expended, he therefore solicits the Board to reimburse the same to him.

Ordered to be referred to the Market Committee

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Eng^{n} Comp^{y} N^{o} 26

David Raynor Grocer 127 Banker St 7 W^{d}

vce Ab^{m} Allen resigned

N^{o} 39

Nat^{nl} S Davies. perfumer 149 B^{d} Way 3 W^{d}

vce Nat^{nl} Merrit D^{o}

Verdine Elsworth Acct^{t} 46 Sug[a]r Loaf S^{t} 5 W^{d}

vce Jediah Morris Do

The Committee on the petition of Silas Lord reported

That one of your Committee has waited on Samuel Harris Esq^{r} one of the Counsel for Thomas Duggan and who has actually the management of the controversy in chancery between said Thomas Duggan [37] and the petitioner Silas Lord and that the said samuel

Harris hath informed said Member of your Committee that the injunction issued in said cause in said petition mentioned against Silas Lord remains undissolved and that the cause altho ready has not been brot to a bearing

(Signed) George Wilson
P H Wendover
Saml Jones Jnr
Wm A Hardenbrook
G N Bleecker Comptr

Whereupon Resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the subject of the disposal of the property of the Corporation at Brooklyn reported verbally on the subject and presented a Map of the ground. Whereupon Resolved that the consideration be postponed, and that the Committee be requested to report in writing

The Committee on Assessments Reported that they have received the annexed communication [38] from Mr John Ireland on the subject of the Assessment on him for the opening of Amity Street, which they deem as deserving the consideration of the Corporation. They therefore recommend that the propositions therein contained be accepted by the Board, and that the Comptroller and Attorney and Counsel of the Board be authorized to take the necessary measures to have the same carried into effect.

Copy. Letter from Mr Ireland

Sir

I will thank you to communicate to the Committee of which you are a member the following, as the terms on which I am willing to enter into an arrangement with the Corporation on the subject of the Assessment against me for opening Amity Street

I will immediately convey to the Corporation the ground necessary for continuing the said Street through my Land on the following conditions

1. The Corporation shall release me from the Said Assessment

2 They shall permit me to occupy and use the ground ceded for five Years, in the same manner as if such cession had not been made

3 If at the expiration of five years it should [39] not be thought necessary to open the street they shall allow me to remain in possession until they order the same opened.

4 They shall indemnify me against all future assessments for the

expense of purchasing land for continuing the said Street after it leaves my ground.

5 As soon as the Corporation shall order the said Street to be opened, they shall pay me the value of my dwelling house. One third of which expense shall be borne by the Corporation and the residue assessed on the Street at large so that I may be charged with only an equitable proportion of that loss.

I am &
(Signed) John Ireland

Peter Hawes Esq[r]

Whereupon it was referred to the same Committee, with a request to take the opinion of Council upon the subject

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Charles Smith and Wife and the opinion of the Council of the board thereon, presented the following Report

The Committee to whom the Petition [40] of Charles Smith and documents accompanying the same were referred beg leave to report. That no further material facts or information have been laid before them and they therefore recommend that in the said case of the said petitioner a reference be made to Arbitrators to ascertain the sum which ought to be paid by the Corporation for the rights of the Petitioner and Wife and her Children & Creditors. provided the Council of the Board be first satisfied that a perfect Title can be made therefor and is secured to be completed on the coming in of Arbitrators' award

Signed Sam[l] Jones Jun[r]
George Wilson
P H Wendover

Which was agreed to.

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[42] The Committee on the petition for opening the Tenth Avenue Reported. That they have discovered no reasonable objection to the immediate opening of the Tenth Avenue, pursuant to the Statute, from its intersection with the Bloomingdale Road at Harsenville, to its intersection with the fifteenth Street. And that so much of fifteenth Street be opened as lies between the Tenth and Ninth Avenues, and thence down Ninth Avenue till it meets Greenwich. They therefore recommend that the Attorney and the Street Commissioner, take the necessary measures for carrying the same into effect, under the direction of this Committee

(Signed) W[m] A Hardenbrook
Peter Hawes.

Which was agreed to.

The Attorney reported that Captn Stokes incurred a penalty by not reporting a passenger, but as it was incurred thro' ignorance he recommended a remission on payment of Costs. Which was agreed to

Aldern Fish presented the following Resolution, which was agreed to.

[43] Whereas Gouverneur Morris and John Rutherford Esqrs have performed gratuitously the arduous duties of Commissioners for laying out the Streets of the City and the Common Council entertaining a due sense of their disinterested devotion to the public Interests Therefore

Resolved that the thanks of the Board be presented to those gentlemen as a mark of respect which the Board entertain of their disinterested and able discharge of the important trust confided to them.

Resolved further that the *tha* copies of the Map of the City filed on record in the Secretary's Office be handsomely colored and mounted and that each of said Commissioners be presented with one

The Comptroller reported

Cash in Treasury
Warrants not presented

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrants for payment of the following Accounts

Lawrence & Vn Wart Watch	498.75
[44] Farrington & White Watch	621.25
Hays & Bogart Do	670.25
Angevine & Hedden Do	315.
Saml Walker posting Bills for St Comsr and City Inspector	41.25
Jacob Shrady 2 lost fire Buckets	4.
Jacob Smith Jr New Engine No 40 & repairs to engines	889.31
Nathan Eizenhart reps to Cath Market	89.29
W Fish Treasr to pay 1s Divd C Stock Interest due 1 Nov 1812	12.000.
A S Glass & Robt Back Assigs Estate C B Bowering 2 bonds for Inclenburgh lots assigned by Leonard Bleecker	961. 9
Oneil & Lee Balc Well & Pump Greenwch St	90.
Chas Lee on Acct Well & Pump in Delancy St between Essex & Norfolk	69.
John Culbert Acct repars Stone St	110.
Henr Bulwinkle 1 Instal filling Colt Lots	62.48
John Randal Jr Acct Surveys	500.
Richd Furman Supdt A House	5000.
	$21.921.67

[45] In Common Council Nov^{m} 2 1812

Present Pierre C V^{n} Wyck Esq^{r} Recorder President

Peter Mesier Charles Dickenson John Morss George Buckmaster Peter H Wendover Nicholas Fish John Pell	Aldermen	Peter Hawes Augustine H Lawrence Elisha W King Josiah Hedden Michael M Titus W^{m} J Waldron W^{m} A Hardenbrook John Drake	Assistants

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of James Johnson praying remission of penalty incurred under Sunday law, was read, Whereupon Ordered that upon payment of costs, Execution be stayed until further order of the Board

A Petition of Benjamin Hicks Assistant City Inspector praying to be allowed payment for each day in the Month was read [46] and laid on the Table.

A Petition of W^{m} Johnson praying that suit against him for not complying with an Ordinance, might be stayed, was read and ordered that proceedings in said Suit be stayed one Week.

A Petition of Walter Bown praying remission of a penalty incurred under an ordinance respecting a nuisance, was read and Resolved that petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

A Petition of Nicholas Campbell to be appointed a Measurer of grain &^{c} was read and granted.

A Memorial of Amos Broad complaining of riotous conduct of certain persons at his Church on Sundays was read and referred to the Magistrates of Police.

A Petition of Stephen Jumel for permission to erect a vault in Liberty Street corner of Broad Way was read and granted under direction of the Alderman And Assistant [47] of the Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Isaac Sharpless for a Grant of a Gore of land corner of Chamber and Catharine Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner and Comptroller

A Memorial from sundry Inhabitants praying the Common Council would direct the Albany Basin to be filled in and Washington Street completed was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 3^{d} Ward and Street Commissioner

A Memorial of B Skaats stating that from the increased duties

devolving upon him in the New City Hall as Keeper, an additional Assistant to him became necessary was read. And ordered that he be authorised to employ another Assistant

The City Inspector presented Drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 751. to 766. which were passed

The City Inspector represented that a sunken [48] Lot in Thompson Street was in a state of nuisance and required to be immediately filled in. that endeavors had been made to discover the owner but without effect. He therefore recommended that the Common [Council] direct the same to be filled in. and that the expenses attending the same remain a Lien on the Lot. Which was agreed to and the Street Commissioner was directed to cause the same to be filled up

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of William Conrey. Reported That they have investigated the matters set forth in the said petition and are satisfied that they are correctly stated. And your Committee are of opinion that the petitioner under the circumstances of the case is entitled to relief, and they accordingly recommend that the amount assessed to the petitioner for regulating and paving Oak Street for the purpose of making the same conform to the present regulation of S^{t} James Street be remitted

(Signed) Elisha W King
Sam^{l} Stilwell St Com^{s}

Which was agreed to.

[49] The Committee on the Fire Department to whom had been referred the Report of Fire Engine Company N° 4 Reported

That they have examined the Bye laws of said company, and also the minutes of the company containing the entries of the absence of George W Somarindyck on Washing Days and have also examined the Foreman & Secretary of said Company, and heard the excuses of the said George W Somarindyck for the said absences and finding that on each of the said absences he was on business in the country, and that he had afterwards attended as a member of the company; They therefore recommend that the report of his expulsion be not accepted

(Sig^{d}) Peter Hawes
Isaac S Douglass
W^{m} A Hardenbrook

Which was agreed to, and the following person was appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

F Eng Comp^{y} N° 4

Cornelius Colvil. Grocer 20 Court^{dt} St 3^{d} W^{d} vc W^{m} Roberts resg^{d}

[50] Upon the Report of the Attorney penalties were remitted upon the usual terms to Captns Cahoon and Fosdick for not reporting passengers

The Committee on Surveys presented a Report the consideration of which was postponed

The Street Commissioner presented the following Communication.

The Street Commissioner begs leave to mention to the Board that it will be requisite to build a bulk head across the slip at the foot of Broome Street so as to support the pavement of that Street it should be made about ten feet East of the Westerly side of Mangin Street, the Slip at this place is 28 feet wide and will require to be made 14 feet High. Thomas & George Lovett the contractors for paving the Street propose to build it for 130 Dollars which is less than 4 cents a foot. Which in the opinion of the Street Commissioner is very low, and would suggest the propriety of contracting with them without delay that it may be finished before winter

[51] Which is respectfully submitted

(Sigd) Saml Stilwell St Coms

Which was approved and the Street Commissioner was directed to make the necessary contract and to see the same faithfully executed

The Street Commissioner returned to the Board the Assessment for a pump in Carmine Street which had been confirmed, stating that the Assessors had made a mistake in assessing as vacant lots, ground which had been reserved as Streets. Whereupon Ordered that the Assessment be referred back to the Assessors to correct the mistake

The Street Commissioner presented Assessments for a pump in Norfolk St between Grand and Broome Streets and for one in Delancy Street which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector in each.

The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment for building a drain at Beekman Slip which he stated ought not [52] in his opinion to be confirmed as the Assessors has assessed one third of the expense of the same to the Corporation. Whereupon Resolved that the same be referred back to the Assessors for revision.

The Council of the Board presented an ordinance entitled, a Law further to regulate the lying of vessels at and within the public Wharves and Slips which was read by paragraphs and passed

It was also ordered that the Council take into consideration and report an Ordinance to regulate the portion of a Wharf which a Vessel shall be entitled to occupy while taking in or discharging a cargo

The Council presented the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the Collector of the monies and Debts due to this Corporation be directed and empowered to ask demand and receive from Peter H Schenck the sum of Eight thousand three hundred and fifty seven Dollars, being the amount awarded in favor of this Corporation by the award [53] or Umpirage of Caleb S Riggs Esq^{r} the Umpire chosen by the arbitrators to whom certain matters in difference between the said Peter H Schenck and this Corporation were lately submitted.

And Resolved further that this Corporation will forthwith after the payment of the above mentioned Sum by the said Peter H Schenck do and perform all and everything which is required of them in and by the said award or Umpirage, and will in such case waive all and every objection which they might have to the said award or Umpirage

Resolved that a Copy of this Resolution be delivered to M^{r} Schenck Which was agreed to.

The Board proceeded agreably to law to elect Inspectors for the ensuing charter election and to designate the places at which the Polls should be holden. when the following persons were chosen and the places hereinafter mentioned, fixed upon at which [54] the polls were to be holden in the several Wards.

1st Ward

James Bailey
Daniel Smith
W^{m} Van Hook

Poll to be holden at R Kents Washington Hotel Broad Street

2^{d} Ward

Abraham S Hallet
Jonathan Thompson
Samuel Stevens

Poll to be holden at the Inn of John R Thomas Sign of the Green Bay Tree Fair Street.

3^{d} Ward

Samuel Boyd
John Bogert
Isaac Lawrence

Poll to be holden at Lyon's Inn N^{o} 3 Courtlandt Street

4th Ward.

James Tylee
John Q Wilson
Eldad Holmes

Poll to be holden at Sam^{l} Clarks Inn. Harmony Hall in Duane Street.

5th Ward

George Ireland
John Disbrow
Isaac A Van Hook

Poll to be holden at Liberty Hall corner Church & Leonard S^{t}

After examining the Ballots for Inspectors of the 6th Ward a Member suggested that there had been a mistake and moved that the Board go into another Ballot for [55] *for* said Inspectors

The Recorder decided that the Motion was out of order. An appeal was made to the common Council from the decision of the president, and Alderman Buckmaster having demanded a Division which was seconded by Mr Hawes, the Question was put as follows "Is the decision of the president right" upon this Question the members voted as follows

Negative. 8 Aldern Mesier, Dickenson Fish. Messr Hawes Lawrence. King. Hedden. Hardenbrook

Affirmative. 7. Aldeⁿ Morss. Buckmaster. Wendover. Pell. Messr Titus. Waldron. Drake.

It was then moved that the Common Council now proceed to elect Inspectors for the 6th Ward. A Division having been called thereon it was carried in the affirmative. The Members who on the last question voted in the negative now voting in the affirmative, and those who voted in the affirmative now voting in the negative

The Board then proceeded to ballot [56] and upon counting the Ballots the following persons were chosen

6th Ward

William Wright
Barnard Kennedy
John P Garniss
} Poll to be held at Croftons Inn No 14 Mott St

7th Ward

Robert McDermut
William Weeks
Abraham Dally
} Poll to be held at Smith Places Inn—Cherry St

8th Ward

Arthur Burtis
John Hopkins
John Towt
} Poll to be held at William Strattons Broadway

Upon the motion for holding the poll of the Eighth Ward at the house of Wm Strattons Alderman Wendover called a Division which was seconded by Mr Waldron and was carried as follows.

Affirmative 8 Aldeⁿ Fish. Dickenson. Mesier. Mr Hawes Lawrence. King. Hedden. Hardenbrook

Negative 6 Aldern Morss. Buckmaster. Wendover. Pell Mr Waldron. Drake.

9th Ward

Daniel Cotton
Dirick Tenbroeck
Oliver Hibbert
} Poll to be held at the house of John N Groenzeback near 6 mile Stone

[57] 10th Ward

Nichls Wm Stuyvesant
Reuben Munson
Ezekiel Bishop
} Poll to be held at John Whippo's corner Bowy Lane & Broome

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	47.102.90
Warrants not presented	12.292.87
	34.810. 3

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue warrants for payment of the following accounts

James Hardie Asst City Inspr 1 Mo Saly 1 Inst	62.50
Benjn Hicks. Do 23 days	46.
R Graves Asst St Comsr 1 mo. to 1 Inst	67.50
M Hicks Depy Do " " "	54.
A B Holmes D " " "	54.
Saml Green D " " "	54.
W P Roome Keepr Pot Field " "	46.50
Hardcastle & Vn Pelt printing from 6 August to 1 Inst	108.75
M Banks reps Pumps 7 & 10th Wds	88.94
H Brush Do Do	78.
Dd Stilwell Do 4 & 6 Do	63.50
Jas Richardson acct Well & Pump in Stanton St	45.
[58] ONeil & Lee reprs to Well in 3d Ward	15.25
J Johnson Iron work for supdt reps 5 June 14 Octr	258.80
Alexdr L Stewart Intts Canal St Bond 1 Yr to 2 June 1812	834. 1
R M Livingston Canal St Bond to S B Bach in full	12665.67
J P Rome Supdt Reps pay workmen for new Engine Houses Watch houses &c	2000.
Jno McComb Jr Paymaster N C Hall	2000.
Richd Furman Trr N Alms House	5000.
A Lawrence for Box to be presented to Cap Hull	325.
	23867.42

The Board then adjourned to meet at the Alms House on Monday next 3 oclock for the purpose of the quarterly visitation

[59] In Common Council Nov^{r} 9th 1812

Present Pierre C Van Wyck Esq^{r} Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Peter Hawes	Assistants
Charles Dickenson		Aug^{s} H Lawrence	
Richard Cunningham		Elisha W King	
John Morss		George Wilson	
Peter H Wendover		Josiah Hedden	
Nicholas Fish		Wm J Waldron	
John Pell		Wm A Hardenbrook	

The Common Council agreably to the resolution at the last meeting proceded to make the quarterly visitation of the Bridewell and Alms House—After which the following business was transacted

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

[60] Fire Eng^{n} Comp^{y} N^{o} 1.

David Wilkins Grocer corner Warren 5 W^{d} Vce M P Powlis resg^{d}

Floating Eng^{n} Comp^{y}

Wm Day Taylor N^{o} 349 pearl S^{t} 4 W^{d} Vce Peter Streem D^{o}
Lewis Lyons Cooper 47 oak St 4 W^{d} Vce John Mills D^{o}
John Risley Shoemaker 18 Cherry S^{t} 4 W^{d} Vce Jacob Miller D^{o}

Resignations were received from the following persons appointed Inspectors of the ensuing Charter Election which were accepted and the persons herein after named were appointed in their places.

3^{d} Ward. Samuel Boyd. res^{d} & Jonathan Little appointed in his place.

5th Ward George Ireland & John Disbrow res^{gd} & Sam^{l} Hone & Tho^{s} J Campbell appointed in their places.

8th Ward John Towt resigned and Hugh Maxwell appointed in his place.

9th Ward. Dirck Tenbroeck resigned and William Brady appointed in his place

10th Ward Nicholas W Stuyvesant resigned and Henry Pope appointed in his place

A Petition of Fire Engine Company N^{o} 9 praying for a larger Engine. was read & referred to the Committee on the Fire Department & Ch'f Eng^{r}

[61] A Petition of Thomas & Samuel White praying remission of a penalty incurred by not keeping their slaughter House clean, was read, and Resolved that Petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition

A Petition of William Kay praying payment for repaving Market-field Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

Ordered that it be referred to a Committee to consider and report whether any and what regulations should be adopted with respect to permitting persons to erect Booths in the Streets on certain National and other Holy days. Committee appointed were Alde^{n} Mesier M^{r} Wilson M^{r} Hedden

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants that Lamps may be placed in the vicinity of the Collect was read and referred to the Lamp Committee

A Petition from Gould Hoyt for remission of penalty incurred under the law [62] for filling in a Lot was read and referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to remit if the work is compleated.

A Petition of D^{r} Ackerman for extension of his water grant on Washington Street into the Hudson was read and referred to the Street Commissioner and Comptroller

A Petition of Esau Cox for appointment of Wood Inspector was read and referred to the Committee on Applications

An Invitation was received from John Griscomb to attend this evening a Philosophical Lecture to be delivered by him

A further petition of Walter Bowne for remission of a penalty incurred by him was referred to the City Inspector

The City Inspector presented Drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N^{o} 766 to N^{o} 770 which were passed

A Remonstrance against widening Pearl Street. was read, and Ordered that petitioners [63] have leave to withdraw their petition.

A Communication from the Comptroller on the subject of the Stationary used by the Officers of the Common Council was read and referred to M^{r} Lawrence Alder^{n} Wendover Alder^{n} Morss.

The Comptroller also presented an Account of Thomas Hazard for carrying vagrants to Bridewell which was referred to M^{r} Wilson Alde^{n} Cunningham M^{r} Waldron

The Comptroller also presented an Account of Isaac A Van Hook late Attorney of the board against the Corporation, which was directed

to be referred to the chairman of the Committee of Finance the Council of the board and the Comptroller, with authority to them to refer the same to arbitration if they deemed it proper

Upon the report of the Attorney penalties were remitted upon the usual terms to Captains Wiseman, Green, Tripp & Bradley incurred by not reporting passengers

[64] The Ferry Committee agreably to the Resolution of the Board presented a Report on the subject of the Corporation property at Brooklyn which was read and laid for further consideration and it was referred to the same Committee to negotiate with Mr Vanmater and Mr Hewlet for the surrender of their leases upon said property and if an agreement could not be made with them, with authority to said committee to refer the subject to arbitration

The Committee on the Memorial of Charles Whitlow presented the following Report

That they have had several interviews and conferrences with the memorialist at which he has exhibited specimens of his newly discovered plant in its various stages from the nettle in its natural state, including the flax and tow, to a strong and fine spun thread; that from the accompanying certificates and documents published in the Baltimore Medical and Philosophical Lycæum it appears that it is hardly perrenial and believed to be a species not hitherto discovered by any Botanist. It farther appears from a certificate signed by a number of Manufacturers of Flax hemp Linen and Cotton, that they had examined [65] the plant above described in its different stages of Flax Tow and Thread, and were unanimously of opinion that it is far superior to any Flax or Hemp they had ever seen as well in the quantity it produces from a single stem, as in its superior strength beauty and fineness of texture; that from the experiments made by them, they were further of opinion that it will produce from twenty to twenty five percent more from the heckle than any flax or hemp known to them and that they are fully persuaded it will become a great benefit to any country that will encourage its cultivation

From these and various other documents exhibited to your Committee as well as from their own view and observations they are decidedly of opinion, that the discovery of the Urtica Whitlowi (The name by which the plant is now distinguished) is of the highest importance, and as far as they are competent to judge, the plant will be found a valuable substitute for hemp & flax, and its cultivation and

manufacture will be highly beneficial to every country which will afford it patronage [66] and encouragement

all which is respectfully submitted

Nich[l] Fish
P H Wendover
W[m] A Hardenbrook

Which Report was approved.

The Report of the Committee of surveys presented at the last meeting was called up by Alde[n] Mesier which being read was as follows

That John Randel Jun[r] Esq[r] with whom your Committee contracted some time ago to survey the Streets and Avenues as laid down in the Commissioners Map to place at their Intersections Munumental Stones and to take the elevation thereof, has during the last and present season been steadily employed in this business, and that he has now so far advanced with the survey (having nearly completed the measurements of all the Avenues as far North as 79[th] Street) as makes it necessary for this Board to conclude what kind of Report when this work is finished, will be most acceptable to them, and most beneficial to the public. At the time the said agreement was entered into this circumstance was scarcely brought in view [67] Its importance in perpetuating and rendering the work contracted for extensively useful was not considered, and at that early stage of the business, when the Instruments to be employed were not even invented, nor any advances made by which the expense or necessity of a Report could be estimated it would have perhaps been improper and premature to have made any such provision.

Now however your Committee are satisfied and firmly believe that to have a perfect view and understanding of this subject so as to be able at all times with facility to know what has been done where the Streets and avenues intersect their distances and relative situations the elevations at the different monuments the face and shape of the ground and a number of other particulars it will be indispensably requisite that this report shold be made by a Map or Maps protracted on a Scale sufficiently large to exhibit accurately the Hills Valleys Rocks Houses. Creeks &[c] Your Committee are also of opinion that if the Map is now commenced and progresses [68] as the work on the Field advances, it will not only be less expensive, but much more accurate, and be completed when the survey is finished. What a report made in this manner will cost your Committee cannot with

any certainty determine as it will materially depend on the quantity and quality of the work and attention bestowed. They however think the Surveyor should be instructed to make it so accurate and to exercise such skill and labour thereon, as that when referred to hereafter, every information requisite to the laying out or regulating Streets and avenues may be readily obtained and that his allowance therefor should be the usual wages per day for such service until the Report be finished

Your Committee further observe that last fall they were induced in consequence of a strong desire expressed not only by the members of this Board but by the Inhabitants generally that the survey should be finished with all possible expedition to give Mr Randel encouragement that if by any improvement of his instruments he could expedite the work *ang* [and] gratify the general sentiment he should do it; and [69] *and* moreover they gave assurances that the additional expense would be allowed him. In pursuance thereof the Instruments have been last winter improved at a considerable expense and so enlarged as to enable him to progress about one third faster. The labor and calculations have consequently encreased to such a degree as to render more assistance indispensable, and the expense has also advanced thereby at least $2. per 1000 feet. Your Committee are induced to believe that experience has abundantly proven that running cross lines at distances to average about 1500 feet apart will occasion much less damage than if run 2500 Feet apart as stipulated in the contract because on such long lines the avenues though the Trees must be cut ⅔ or ½ wider to enable the Surveyor to set the monuments correct than when those cross lines are not so distant.

Your Committee therefor beg leave to submit the following resolutions

Resolved that the Committee of surveys be authorized to agree with [70] John Randel Junr Esqr to make a report of the work already contracted to be done by an accurate and explanatory Map or Maps on a scale of from one to two hundred feet to an Inch, on which shall be delineated every thing necessary to render the same a useful and valuable document by which the future regulation of Streets and avenues may with facility be made and giving a profile of the elevations of all the avenues and cross lines. and that they be authorised to allow him for this service five Dollars per day during the time he may be actually employed at the same. provided the same compensation shall not exceed 4000 Dollars

Resolved that John Randel Jun^{r} Esq^{r} be allowed 2 Dollars per 1000 feet in addition to the compensation now allowed him for measurements made with his new Instruments, and also that he be paid for measuring Cross lines at distances not less than 1500 feet apart

All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Peter Mesier
William a Hardenbrook
Nicholas Fish
William J Waldron

Whereupon Resolved that said Report [71] be accepted and agreed to.

M^{r} Hardenbrook stated verbally, that he understood that a M^{r} Bogart was about shutting a Road in the rear of the Church at Haerlem which had been used as a public road for 60 Years and that he thought the interference of the Board on the occasion would be proper

Whereupon Resolved that the subject be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward

Resolved that the Council of the Corporation be requested to report an Ordinance directing a certain Sum to be paid by each proprietor of a Lot for permission to erect a vault in the Street in front of his Lot

The Comptroller Reported Cash in the Treasury..... $10,942.61
No returns from the Treasurer

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrants for payment of the following accounts

Lawrence & V^{n} Wart Watch	498.75
Farrington & White Do	621.25
[72] Hays & Bogert Do	670.25
Angevine and Hedden Do	315.
J Hays H Constable 1 Q^{r} Sal^{ry} to 11 Inst	200.
P Burtsell Stationary Mayor, C Ins Trea^{r} &c	115.38
R Buchan List passeng^{rs} 6 mo 1 Inst	25.
A Rooke keeper Sig^{l} Poles 1 Q^{r} Sal^{y} 1 Inst	82.50
Oliver Waldron Overs^{r} Roads 1 Mo. "	228.81
Jon^{n} Hardman " " " "	209.59
Reed & Paddock Mak^{g} R^{d} at St Ja^{s} Church bal^{c}	50.
Tho^{s} & Geo Lovett Acct pav^{g} Broome S^{t} fr Suffolk to Mangin S^{t}	200.
J^{no} Bailey repav^{g} Int^{ns} Sundry St^{s}	125.79
Ab^{n} Stagg bal^{c} pav^{g} Chambr S^{t} fr Chath^{m} to Augustus	108.79
John Culbert bal^{c} repaving Stone St	66.27
Ja^{s} Vincent repaving Intersections Chapple St at Bridge Broadway	38.32
M D Camp bal^{c} fees for collec^{g} Ass^{t} Pearl St deposited in Treasury by mistake	21.41

J McComb Paymstr N C Hall	1500.
Richd Furman & John Morss Sub Comtee for Washington Market	3000.
	8077.11
Balance	2865.50

[73] In Common Council Novm 16 1812

Present The Honl De Witt Clinton Mayor President
Pierre C Van Wyck Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	Samuel Jones Junr
Thomas Carpenter	Peter Hawes
Charles Dickenson	Elisha W King
Richard Cunningham	George Wilson
John Morss	Josiah Hedden
Peter H Wendover	Michael M Titus
Nicholas Fish	William J Waldron
John Pell	Wm A Hardenbrook
	John Drake

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Thomas Egerton for permission to transfer the Lease of No 5 (late Magazine now) Pearl St to Alexander M Muir, and of Jacob King to transfer the lease of No 3 Chatham St to George Warner, was read and referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of James Richardson (surety of [74] Charles Lee) for time to compleat a contract respecting a Well in Mott Street until the first of December next was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioner

A Petition for a pump in Christopher Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance.

A Petition of Matthew Bird for permission to sell meat by the Quarter in the lower Fly Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

And a petition from John Pessenger holding Stall No 62 in the Fly Market and from Adam Hartell holding Stall No 25 Hudson Market for permission to exchange Stalls with each other was read and granted

A Petition from Roger Gill for extension of time for payment of an assessment upon him for paving Delancey Street was read, and resolved that the time for payment of the same be extended to the period of 18 Months from this Date

[75] It was also Resolved that as this assessment was the only one remaining to be collected of the said Assessment for paving Delancey S^{t} that if the amounts of the other assessments have been paid into the Treasury by the Collector that the Street Commissioner be authorized to deliver to the said Collector his bonds for said Assessments to be cancelled

A Petition of Daniel H M^{c}Gie stating that he had contracted to fill up certain Lots of David Dunham corner of Mercer and Prince Street which were directed by the Ordinances of the Board to be filled up by the first of the present month, but as that was impossible he prayed an extension of the time—Ordered to be referred to the Street Commissioner

A Letter was received from Daniel N Train resig[n]ing his Office of Fire warden of the 7th Ward, which was read, and the resignation accepted, and on motion Benjamin Banks was appointed Fire warden of said Ward in his place

A Petition from Fire Engine Company [76] N^{o} 22 praying for an additional quantity of Leader was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire department and Chief Engineer

A Petition of George Jacobs for remission of a penalty for exposing goods for sale in the Streets was read and granted on payment of costs

And a Petition from said George Jacobs as the Street he resided in was not much frequented that he might be permitted to expose his goods in the Street was read and ordered that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

The Council of the Board agreably to directions, presented the draft of an Ordinance entitled "a Law to regulate the digging of" "vaults in the Streets." Which was read and the consideration thereof postponed

The City Inspector presented drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N^{o} 771 to N^{o} 785 which were passed

An Ordinance was presented entitled "an Act relative to the posting of Notices on the New City Hall" Which was read by paragraphs and passed

[77] The Street Commissioner on the Petition of I Sharpless, Reported, That there is a standing Order or Resolution of the Board that all public ground when to be disposed of shall be exposed at public Auction, and the Street Commissioner can see no reason or cause to depart from that excellent rule in this case. He would

therefore advise that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

Which is respectfully submitted

(Sig^{d}) Sam^{l} Stilwell S^{t} Com^{rs}

Which was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of William Kay reported, that he has examined said account and made particular enquiry respecting it and is of opinion it ought to be paid

Which is respectfully submitted

Sam^{l} Stilwell S^{t} Com^{rs}

Which was agreed to and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant for the same

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Morris De Camp was appointed collector [78] in each—viz an assessment for repaving Front Street from Beekman Slip to Crane Wharf—an assessment for regulating and paving the Street at Beekman Slip—An assessment for *for* building a common Sewer at Beekman Slip—And an assessment for a Well and Pump in Catharine Street, and for a Well and Pump in Charles Street

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

F Eng^{n} Comp^{y} N^{o} 13.

Joel Sayre. Silver Smith 65 Maiden lane 2^{d} W^{d}

v H A Peckwell resg^{d}

N^{o} 14

Alex^{dr} M^{c}Kenzie Grocer 25 vesey St 3^{d} W^{d}

v^{ce} Job S Hendrick res^{g}

N^{o} 21.

David Funk said maker 74 Fair St 2^{d} W^{d} V^{c} James H. Todd res^{g}

N^{o} 24

Lughlin Phyfe Cab^{mt} Maker Partition St 3 W^{d} V^{c} Edw^{d} Skaats resg^{d}

Rutgart Van Brunt Grocer Fly market 2^{d} W^{d} vce M Funk resg^{d}

John Vandenbergh Carpenter N Moore St^{r} 5 W^{d}

vce Ebn^{r} Byram Do

Resolved that the Street be opened from the 5th to the 6th avenue and that the Road Committee be authorised to have the same worked so that it may be a passable road for the accomodation of Travellers

[79] An invitation from the Friends of Dr John Kemp late Professor of Mathematics in Columbia College to attend his Funeral to morrow at 4 O Clock, was presented, and agreed that the Common Council will attend

Resolved that a committee be appointed to enquire into the causes of the delay of the delivery of the Tax Books of the present year to the Collectors of the Wards and that they report thereon at the next meeting

Committee appd were Mr Jones Mr King Mr Lawrence

Resolved that a committee be appointed to make the usual and necessary preparations for celebrating the ensuing anniversary of the 25 November

Committee appointed were Mr Jones Mr Wilson Mr Hardenbrook [&] City Inspector

Resolved that the further meetings of the Common Council during the Winter will [80] be held in the Room appropriated to the use of the Supreme Court

The Comptroller Reported Cash in the Treasury	6630.30
Warrants not presented	21.50
	$6608.80

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrants for payment of the following Accounts

Joseph Watson Timber for Supd of Repairs from 18th Jany to 23 Sepr	137. 5
G N Bleecker 1 Qr Salary as Comptroller to 15 Nov 1812	375.
Comstock & Sawyer 1st paymt for 76 Casks Oil due 14 Inst	2273.41
Ephraim Ginnings Supdt Lamps 1 Mo to 11 Int balance	642.18
John Fine repairing Pumps 8 Ward	153.62
John Minuse expenses cleaning Fly Market	98.62
James Kelly balance paving Hester Street from Broadway to Rynder St	145.57
H Hulshart Inspecting and paving Stone Street Chamber Street and Acct Broome St	42.27
[81] John McComb Paymaster New City Hall	1000.
Richard Furman Superintendant Alms House	1000.
Richard Furman Treasurer New Alms House	500.
	6367.72
Balance	$241. 8

[82] In Common Council Nov^mr 23 1812

Present The Hon^l De Witt Clinton Mayor President
Pierre C Van Wyck Esq^r Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jun^r	Assistants
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes	
Charles Dickenson		Augustine H Lawrence	
John Morss		Elisha W King	
Isaac S Douglass		George Wilson	
George Buckmaster		Michael M Titus	
Peter H Wendover		William J Waldron	
Nicholas Fish		W^m A Hardenbrook	
John Pell		Josiah Hedden	
		John Drake	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition from Elnathan Close residing on Manhattan Island for permission, in consequence of the great distance of the place from any public Market and the inconvenience to the Inhabitants resident there from the want of a Market, to be permitted to sell meats at his Grocery Store on said [83] Island was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Conklin and Johnson praying payment of an account for Pumps furnished by them for two public Wells built by one Charles Lee who had absconded was read and referred to the Comptroller

A Memorial from the President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the State of New York, soliciting to be accommodated with a room for the use of said Institution in the present Alms House when the new Alms House shall be compleated, was read, and referred to the Committee appointed on the application of sundry Literary Institutions, viz Alde^n Fish Alde^n Morss Alde^n Pell M^r Jones M^r Wilson

A Letter from Thomas Addis Emmet Esq^r Attorney General of the State, requesting on the behalf of the Comptroller to be informed [84] of the determination of the Common Council respecting the purchase of the Government House, was read and referred to the Committee on the Letter of the Comptroller of the State, upon the same subject

A Letter of John M^cLean Commissary of Military Stores on the subject of sundry Cannon which he had demanded from certain Artille[r]y Officers for the purpose of being sent from this City to the Northward and which they had refused to deliver to him, was read and referred to the Brig^dr Gen^l of Artillery of this City.

A Petition of Gilbert Van Mater for a grant of a water Lot adjacent to his property at Brooklyn, was read and referred to the Ferry Committee

A Petition of Thadeus Smith stating that he was Proprietor of a Corporation Lot in William Street formerly leased to John Boardman, that he had been necessitated to be at very great expense in buildings on the same, that a part of his rent was in arrears which he prayed he might be permitted to [85] pay by installments, Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee of Finance and the Comptroller

A Letter was received from William Bridges stating, that at the time the Corporation gave to him the right to print the Map of the City and Island furnished by the Commissioners of Streets and Roads it was understood that the same was to be exclusively his property, that as a consideration therefor he agreed to furnish to the Common Council Sixty Maps, But that it had been discovered that as the Map was a public Record an exclusive privilege to publish the same could not be given to him, Under such considerations he referred it to the Common Council to say what number of Maps he ought to furnish.

Whereupon Resolved that the subject be referred to the Committee of surveys with authority to settle the same with M[r] Bridges as they should consider just and equitable

A Petition of George M Patten for remission of a penalty incurred by selling meat out of the regular Market was read and [86] remitted on payment of costs

A Return was received from Garrit Gilbert Esq[r] Clerk of the City and County of New York certifying that by the Returns filed in his Office that at the late Election for Charter Officers the persons hereinafter mentioned were elected to the Offices set opposite to their respective names

Peter Mesier	Alderman	1st Ward
John Nitchie	Ass[t] Do	
John V B Varick, James Heard	Assessors	
Daniel J Ebbets	Collector	
Zepheniah Brown, Robert Graham	Constables	
John Vanderbilt Jnr	Alderman	2d Ward
Joseph W Brackett	Ass[t] Do	
John C[l]arke Jr, Adam Tredwell	Assessors	
Giliam Cornwell	Collector	
Henry Marah, Aza Eastwood	Constables	

3d Ward
- Charles Dickenson Alden
- Augustine H Lawrence Asst Do
- Assessors: Leonard Kip, Harmanus Tallman
- [87] Francis V Many Collector
- Constables: Joshua Green, John B Fiquet

4th Ward
- Richard Cunningham Alden
- Elisha W King Asst Do
- Assessors: Leonard Fisher, John Higbee
- William McIntosh Collector
- Constables: Jacob Morrison, William French

5 Ward
- John Morss Alderm
- Thomas R Smith Asst Do
- Assessors: Samuel Hutchings, Leonard Warner
- William Berrian Collector
- Constables: John Striker, Jr, Charles E Kelly

6 Ward
- Isaac S Douglass Alden
- Josiah Hedden Asst Do
- Assessors: Lewis Angevine, John McClure
- John ONeal Collector
- Constables: John Benson, John White

7th Ward
- George Buckmaster Alderm
- Asa Mann Asst Do
- Assessors: James McMasters, [88] Benjamin Prince
- Morris Oakley Collector
- Constables: Jonathan Allen, Azel Conklin

8th Ward
- Peter H Wendover Alderm
- William J Waldron Asst Do
- Assessors: Jonathan Pinkney, Isaac Emmons
- Andrew Hegeman Collector
- Constables: Moses Cunningham, John Pulis

9th Ward
- Nicholas Fish Alden
- Wm A Hardenbrook Asst Do
- Assessors: Jacob Horn, Peter Waldron
- William Holmes Collector
- Constables: Ruben Ryder, Samuel Wheat

John Pell	Alder[n]	10th Ward
James Palmer	Ass[t] D[o]	
Solomon Wheeler, Cornelius Schuyler	Assessor	
John Palmer	Collector	
Epenetus C Cornwell, Henry G Disbrow	Constables	

[89] Whereupon Resolved that the Clerk of the Common Council be directed to give notice to the said persons so elected to attend in the Common Council Chamber on the first Monday in December next to take the oaths prescribed by Law

The City Inspector presented drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 786 to N° 789 which were passed

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector in each—Viz An Assessment for repaving Duane Street from William to Rose Street. also for repaving Green Street from Liberty Street to Maiden Lane and for repaving Maiden Lane from Broadway to Nassau Street

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying [90] the vacancies

F Eng Comp[y] N° 8.

Jacob Youngs. Cooper 5 Rose S[t] 4 W[d] J K Leaycraft res[gd]

N° 9.

Geo W Gosman Grocer 35 Broad S[t] 1 W[d] v[ce] D Crawley D°

N° 10

James Ponsford Tal Chan[dr] Bowery 8th W[d] v[ce] Ja[s] Gellender D°
Peter Webb Baker Peters S[t] 9th W[d] vc John A Stansbury D°

N° 26

Peter Scriba Carpenter 47 Essex St 10 W[d] vce J Wittingham D°

The Comptroller on the petitions of Jacob King and Tho[s] Egerton reported in favor of the prayers of the Petitioners, which was agreed to.

The Committee on the subject of the leases of Mess[rs] Hewletts at Brooklyn, Reported that in pursuance of a Resolution of the Common Council of the 9th Ins[t] they have endeavoured to treat with Mess[rs] Charles & Newbury Hewlett for the surrender of their Lease upon one of the Corporation Lots at Brooklyn, about five years, and

a half of their Term being yet unexpired but not being able to come to a satisfactory arrangement with them, your committee in virtue of the power vested in them submitted the subject to arbitration and Messrs George Taylor [91] of New York, Josua Sands, and Fanning C Tucker of Brooklyn were mutually chosen Arbitrators, who met at Brooklyn on Friday last attended by the Lessees and one of the Members of your Committee and after viewing the premises and hearing the allegations of parties awarded the Sum of One hundred and thirty Dollars to be paid by the Corporation to the said Lessees as will appear by their award herewith submitted, which sum your Committee recommmend to have paid and also such Sum as shall be deemed a reasonable compensation for the services of the Arbitrators

All which is respectfully submitted

(Sigd) E W King
G Buckmaster
Thos Carpenter
G N Bleecker Comptr
Saml Stilwell St Comsr

Award of the Arbitrators

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting, Whereas the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York did by Indenture of Lease bearing date 7th September in the Year of our Lord 1807 let and hire unto [92] Charles Hewlett and Henry Hewlett of the Town of Brooklyn in the County of Kings a certain Lot of ground in the said Town. Bounded on Main for the term of eleven Years at the annual rent of eight Dollars, And whereas the Building erected thereupon has been lately consumed by fire—And the said parties having agreed to surrender the said lease for the residue of the said term, and have submitted to us the subscribers to determine what sum shall be paid or received by *by* either party—And we having viewed the premises and heard the allegations of both parties do award and determine that the said Mayor &c shall pay the said Lessees the Sum of One hundred and thirty Dollars as well for the surrender of the said Lease as for the materials now remaining on the said premises

(Signed)

Brookly[n] Novr 20 1812 Josh Sands
George Taylor Jr
F C Tucker

Which was approved and the Comptroller was directed to Report a Warrant for payment of said Award

[93] The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Robt Fulton respecting the establishment of a Steam Ferry boat at the Ferry at Brooklyn presented a Report—A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants against removing the Ferry from the Fly Market, was also presented and the consideration of both postponed until the next meeting of the Board

Resolved that as the Laws of the State are now under revision that the Council of the Board be directed to digest the Laws of the State applicable to this City for the use of the persons having the revision of the Laws committed to them And that the said Council be also requested to recommend such alterations and amendments thereto as he shall judge expedient and report the same to this Board

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of erecting Booths in the City on certain national festivals reported the following Resolution which was agreed to

[94] Whereas the practice of erecting Booths in the Streets and public places of the City on public anniversary days is productive of rioting drunkenness and debauchery and whereas said practice is not only to good order and propriety, but moreover contrary to the ordinances of this Board therefore Resolved that in future no permission shall be granted to erect any Booth Shed or Stand in any of the Streets or public places of this City, and that the Attorney of the board be directed to prosecute every offender who shall in such manner incumber the Streets and public places or violate the ordinances of this Board made in this Respect

(Signed) Peter Mesier
Geo Wilson
J Hedden

Resolved that the Finance Committee and Comptroller be authorized to settle the account of Stephen Hitchcock late Superdt of Streets, with this Board, on receiving from him a sum not less than Six hundred dollars

Mr Hawes moved that the Salary of the [95] Chief Engineer be encreased to the sum of $750 per Anm, It was moved by Alden Pell that it be encreased to $1000 another motion was made that it be encreased to $800, The question upon Alden Pell's motion was lost. Upon the Question of encreasing his salary to $800, a division having been called by Mr Hardenbrook it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative Mr Recorder Alderm Mesier Dickenson Morss. Doug-

lass. Wendover. Fish. Pell Mr Jones Hawes. Lawrence King Hedden. Titus Drake 15

Negative Alden Carpenter. Buckmaster Mess Waldron Hardenbrook 3

Resolved that the Superintendant of repairs be directed to cause the Well at Greenwich Village near the scite of the new market to be cleaned and repaired

Mr Jones from the Committee on the subject of the communication from John Ireland reported verbally that in their opinion it would be proper to agree to the propositions of Mr Ireland excepting the 2d Article reserving to themselves the [96] right of opening the Street when they shall judge proper. which was agreed to

Resolved that when the Board adjourn they will adjourn to meet in the Room occupied by the Mayor for his office

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	6328.62
Warrants not presented	257.17
	$6071.45

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrants for payment of the following Accounts

Lawrence & Vn Wart Watch	498.75
Farrington & White Do	621.25
Hays & Bogart Do	670.25
Angevine & Hedden Do	315.
P C Vn Wyck & N Fish Esqrs expenses to Washington &c	209.19
D S Jones Atty Acct from 20 Augst to 20 Novr 1812 balance	177.26
Thos Franklin Chf Engr Salary to 24 Inst and Expenses	144.
Thos Hazard & 2 Assistants City prison 1 Qr Salv 18 Inst	512.50
Wm L Rose 3 Mo Subsn Morg Post 10 Augt	18.75
[97] Joel Hart 3 Mo Subsn Statesman 10 Novr	18.75
Wm A Hardenbrook Esqr Expenses on Inclenburgh Lots	189.13
Peter & Elias Dob repairs to Docks at White Hall & Hudson Market	554.99
Jonathan Randel Jr repairing Road near Mudges Bridge	34.87
Jas Richardson balc for Well & Pump in Charles St	69.
J Nitchie & other Assessors on Stone Street for building Drain & repairing	27.50
Wm Kay repairing Walks at the Battery Ordd by Board 16 Inst	19.25
Benjn Page Assignee 3 Bond issued to Leonard Bleecker	1457. 5
J Randell Jr Acct Surveys	
J McComb Jr paymstr N C Hall	1500.
Richd Furman Supdt A House	3600.
	9.762.49
Bale	108.96

[98] In Common Council Nov^{m} 30 1812

present The Hon^{l} De Witt Clinton Mayor President
Pierre C Van Wyck Esq^{r} Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Samuel Jones Jun^{r}	Assistants
Thomas Carpenter		Peter Hawes	
Charles Dickenson		Augustine H Lawrence	
Richard Cunningham		Elisha W King	
John Morss		George Wilson	
George Buckmaster		Josiah Hedden	
Peter H Wendover		Michael M Titus	
Nicholas Fish		W^{m} J Waldron	
John Pell		W^{m} A Hardenbrook	
		John Drake	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition from William Davison for remission of a fine incurred under the Carriage Law was read and referred to the Attorney with authority to remit.

A complaint of John Leveridge and Richard Wittingham against a building [99] erected by M^{r} Chichester was read & referred to the Fire wardens of the 7th Ward

A Petition of Amos Broad for remission of a fine incurred by incumbering the Street and complaining of Jacob Hays for not sending Watchmen to suppress a riot at the Church of the Petitioner in Rose Street, was read, and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 4th Ward.

A Communication from Chauncey Hall on the subject of a plan for the defence of the City was read and referred to the Committee of defence

A Petition of Joseph Fash for a stand in Washington Market, was read, and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of William Kay to be employed as a Well digger was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Complaint of William Sherwood of being improperly expelled from Fire Engine Company N^{o} 37 was read and referred to [100] the Chief Engineer for a statement of facts

A Request of the N Y Historical Society for the use of a Room in the Hall for the delivery of their Anniversary Oration, on Monday next by their Vice President Gouverneur Morris Esq^{r} and a request that the Common Council would attend the same, was read, and the Session Room was granted for that purpose.

A Petition of Archibald Smith for further time to fill in certain

collect Lots the property of Dominick Lynch was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of William McCormick and Wife for payment of Ground, of the Estate of F Lynch deceased taken to open Pearl Street was read and referred to the Comptroller and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Richard Jaques. Wm Stone and John McComb Junr for an extension of their water Grants to the line of West Street on the Hudson River was read and referred to the Street Commissioner and Comptroller

[101] A Petition of John A Graham requesting the decision of the Board on the subject of the grounds laid out by the Commissioners of Streets and Roads for a public square was read and referred to the former Committee on that subject

A Memorial from a number of Grocers in the City was read stating that a construction given to the Market Law prohibiting the sale of fresh pork in small peices out of the regular Market Houses, was highly oppressive to them and injurious to the Public. Whereupon Resolved that all fines incurred under said law for such sales be remitted and all suits commenced, be discontinued and that it be referred to the Council to report a suitable amendment to said Law

A Communication from Eli Whitney Robert Fulton and Thomas H Poppleton Commissioners upon Canal Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner and Canal Committee

[102] The committee on the proposition of John Ireland, made the following further Report

The Committee on Assessments recommend that the annexed propositions be accepted and that the Comptroller and Attorney & Council of the Board be directed to take the necessary measures to cause the same to be carried into effect

Peter Hawes
A H Lawrence
(Signed) Michl M Titus
P H Wendover
J Hedden

Which was approved

Letter from Mr Ireland

Sir, Having been informed that objections have been made to one of the conditions on which by my letter of the 26 ulto I offered to cede to the Corporation the ground necessary for continuing Amity Street through my land with a view to obviate those objections I now offer

the following proposals as a substitute for those contained in my said letter

I will immediately convey to the Corporation the ground necessary for continuing Amity Street through my land on the following Conditions.

[103] 1 The Corporation shall release me from the Assessment for opening said Street

2 They shall Indemnify me against all future Assessments for the expenses of purchasing ground to extend or continue said street after it leaves my land

3 They shall permit me to occupy the ground ceded in the same manner as if no cession was made until such time as they shall require me to deliver possession of the same for the purpose of opening the said Street.

4 They may requ[i]re that the ground ceded shall be delivered to them on the first day of May in any year but at no other time giving me Six months previous notice

5 As soon as the Corporation shall order the said Street to be opened, or shall require possession of the said ground, they shall pay me the value of my dwelling House, one third of which expense shall be born by the Corporation, and the residue assessed on the Street at large, so that I may be charged with no more than an equ[i]table proportion of that loss.

I am &c

(signed) John Ireland.

Peter Hawes. Esq[r]

[104] The Street Commissioner presented a Return of delinquents upon the Assessment for a Pump in North Moore Street, which was read and Warrant ordered to be issued to the collector

The Finance Committee and the Comptroller on the petition of Thadeus Smith Reported, That they respectfully recommend—That the proposition he makes of paying one hundred Dollars, immeditely, and one hundred Dollars quarterly until the whole shall be paid; should be accepted, on his paying the costs and giving security for the performance of payment to the satisfaction of the Attorney of the Board

Signed) A H Lawrence C. f. C[ee]
G N Bleecker Compt[rl]

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on the Fire Department and Chief Engineer presented the following Report, which was agreed to

That Since the discontinuance of forming lines of Citizens with Buckets to supply the Engines with water for extinguishing [105] fires, the sole reliance of the Fire Department, for such supplies, has been on lines formed by the Engines, by means of their Hose or leaders—They therefore have considered it as an object of high importance to have all the principal Engines furnished with a good supply of leader; as without it the extinguishment of Fires cannot be effected without much difficulty

They therefore recommend that the Chief Engineer be directed to procure, For

N° 1. 100 feet of new Leader
" 11. 50 D° D°
" 14 50 D° D°

All which they respectfully submit

(Signed) Peter Hawes
Wm A Hardenbrook
Thos Franklin, C Engr

The same Committee on the Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 22. Reported

That said Engine, is in good order and one of the larger size, that in their opinion it would be advisable to grant to her 100 ft of new Leader, They therefore recommend that the Chief Engineer be directed to procure the same

Which they submit

[106] (Signed) Peter Hawes
Wm A Hardenbrook
Thos Franklin C Engr

The same Committee on the Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 8 Reported

That in their opinion it will be advisable to grant Fire Engine N° 8 an additional length of fifty feet of Leader. They therefore recommend that the Chief Engineer be directed to procure the same

Which they submit respectfully

(Signed) Peter Hawes
Wm A Hardenbrook
Thos Franklin C Engr

The same Committee on the Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 9. Reported

That Fire Engine N° 9 is at present unfit for service, and is not worth repairing That the lower part of the City, where the said Engine is stationed is in great need of another substantial Engine, They therefore recommend that the Chief Engineer be directed to procure for said Company a new Fire Engine of 6½ Inch Calibre, with 300 feet of good leader or Hose suitable for the same; They also further recommend that the said Engine when compleated be stationed in Broad Street over or [106]* near the head of the common Sewer or drain in that Street, All which they respectfully submit

(Signed) Peter Hawes
Wm A Hardenbrook
Thos Franklin C Engr

Which Reports were severally agreed to.

The Comptroller to whom was referred the petition of Concklin & Johnson Reported

That on the application of Concklin & Johnson for payment of two Pumps made by them for Charles Lee an absent debtor. Amount $57.12.

Charles Lee was employed by the Street Commissioner to make Wells & pumps by contract, in Carmine Street and Delancy Street, on which he has been paid in part; there is a balance due to him of $49 on that in Carmine Street and $69 on Delancey Street, which is all that is due to him by the Corporation, as appears from the Street Commissioners Books. It occurs to the Subscriber that it would be incorrect for the Corporation to pay the Applicants any money on account of said Lee as other creditors [107] may have equal right to ask for indemnity, and if persons legally authorized, in behalf of all the creditors, should hereafter come forward and claim the balance due, the Board might be answerable to them for the whole amount

The applicants having been employed by Charles Lee, can have no legal claim on the Board; The Subscriber would therefore respectfully recommend, that all payments on this account, should be delayed till those who may be duly authorized to receive the balance from the Corporation shall claim it

respectfully submitted

(Signed) G N Bleecker Compt r

Which was agreed to

* Clerk's error in numbering.—Ed.

The Committee on Assessments presented the following Report, which was agreed to That the assessment which has been imposed on Samuel Jones Junr for the opening of Amity Street, is for property represented as lying on Mercer, Green Wooster & Margaret Streets, that in fact not one of those Streets are as yet opened, through or even up to the property of Mr Jones, nor has any order been taken on the subject [108] That no part of his property is bounded on Amity Street nor has he any way of coming to the same, except through Broad Way. That whenever any of the above named Streets shall be opened so as to furnish a communication to Amity Street the ground of Mr Jones will have to bear its proportion of such expense

The Committee for these reasons consider the assessment on Mr Jones's property for the opening of Amity Street, as unreasonable and unjust, and they recommend that the same be relinquished by the Board

(Signed) Peter Hawes
J Hedden
Michl M Titus
P H Wendover
A H Lawrence

Which was agreed to

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Hook & Ladder Comp No 3

Gilbert Hunt. Flour Mercht Vn Dam St 8 Wd v G Wallegrave resgd

F Eng Comp No 5

Wm Roberts, Hatter 47 Maiden Lane 2d Wd Vce E Marsh resgd

[109] F Engn Compy No 11.

Charles Aims. Shoe Maker No 94 Bd Way 1 Wd V Reuben Hunt resgd

F Engn Compy No 39.

George Vaughan Butcher 196 Greenwich 3 Wd Vce Benjn Bremner

Resolved that George Ireland be appointed a Referree on the part of this Board on the subject of the removal of the Store owned by David Lydigg and in case of the refusal of Mr Ireland to act, that the Alderman and Assistant of the 2d Ward be authorized to appoint a

Referree in the case. And the Council of the Board was directed to attend to the conducting of the same

A Member stating that business requiring secrecy would be laid before the Common Council he moved that the Room be cleared of Spectators and the Doors closed

Which was agreed to.

Doors Closed.

The Report of the Committee upon the proposition of Rob Fulton Esq^{r} for renting the Ferry at Brooklyn was taken into consideration a letter from Rob^{t} Fulton Esq^{r} agreing to establish a Steam Ferry Boat for passengers to run from the Fly Market was also laid before the Board and read. Whereupon Resolved that the report of the Committee modified by the subsequent proposal of M^{r} Fulton be agreed to and that the said ferry from New York to Brooklyn be rented to Rob^{t} Fulton Esq^{r} for the same [110] term at which the Ferry at Paules Hook was rented and at and after the rate of four thousand Dollars per Ann and Resolved that upon the said Rob^{t} Fulton agreing to the above terms that the said Committee cause the necessary leases to be drawn and presented to the Board for execution

M^{r} Lawrence from the Committee of Finance presented the following Resolution which was agreed to

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorized, under the direction of the finance Committee to open the Books for subscription to the New York City Stock for the Sum of one hundred thousand Dollars at an Interest not exceeding Six per cent per Annum, payable Quarter Yearly,

M^{r} Lawrence presented the following Resolution which was unanimously agreed to

Resolved that an elegant sword be presented to Capt^{n} Jacob Jones late of the U S Sloop of War Wasp, and also the freedom of the City, As a testimony of the high opinion this Common Council entertain of his gallant conduct in capturing the British Sloop of war Frolic and that the thanks of this Board be presented to his brave Officers and crew

The Committee to whom was referred [111] the subject of the delay respecting the delivery of the Tax Books to the Collectors, Reported

That they learn from the Comptroller that the delay has been occasioned by an opinion expressed to that officer by the person employed by him to make the calculations necessary for completing the Tax books, which opinion was to the following effect " that the defi-

ciencies in the collection of the Taxes for the preceding Year in the several Wards of the City must all be ascertained by the Returns of the Collectors before the Books for the current Year can be compleated so as to be put in a train for collection" and under which opinion the Comptroller appears to have acted and consequently as the return of the Collector for one of the Wards was not made so that the deficiency in that ward could be ascertained, until the 14th day of November, It is understood that none of the Tax Books for the present year were begun to be completed from the returns until after that day. The Committee are informed that the same course of proceding has obtained p[r]obably under the same opinion for some years.

As however the deficiency of the Tax of each ward concerns itself alone, it is obvious that in completing [112] the Books of a ward for the current Year the return of its own collector for the preceding year can alone be requisite, and that it is not necessary to wait for the Return of any Collector of any other wards. The Comptroller now admits this position of the Committee to be correct and that the contrary opinion under which he has acted is erroneous

The Committee are much surprised that such an opinion should have prevailed—they greatly regret that the delay of the collection of the present Tax necessarily occasioned by the indulgences given of the one next preceding, should in most of the Wards have been thus unnecessarily prolonged, and the time of collecting it postponed to so unfavorable a season—The Committee while they exonerate the officer concerned from any intentional neglect cannot but view it as an unfortunate circumstance that the Common Council was not earlier informed of the regulation which prevailed in the Comptrollers department on this subject, that the error might have been more timely corrected; especially as the indulgences granted from time to time to the Collectors [113] of the preceding Tax were constantly increasing the inconvenience of that regulation

The Committee take this occasion to suggest to the Common Council, that it is desirable that the Tax Books, should all be completed and go into the hands of the Collectors as nearly at the same time as circumstances will permit. The Indulgences granted to the Collectors of the Tax for the Year 1811 which were extended to the 1st Oct^{r} last have been materially instrumental in occasioning the delay and increasing the difficulties in the collection of the Tax for the present year, These indulgences in a great measure grew out of the situation and circumstances of the City at the time But it is important that they should as far as possible be avoided in future

The enforcement of punctuality on the part of the old collectors in making their return, and an early attention to the arrangement for the completing and delivering of the new Books to the new Collectors appear to the Committee of the utmost importance, if not indispensably necessary to the regularity and facility of collections and are recommended as among the means [114] best calculated to prevent the recurrence of the inconvenience occasioned by the before-mentioned delays

The Summer and Autumn are the most favorable seasons for collecting the Taxes—The Books for the current Year should always be out by the first day of August if practicable. The sooner a Tax is called for after it is assessed the greater will be the certainty and facility of its collection. It is a fair and reasonable if not necessary presumption that the Taxes are all collectable at the time they are assessed and imposed, but the frequency of changes of residence in a populous City and the vicicitudes incident to a large proportion of such a population as regards their pecuniary circumstances must often occasion deficiencies, and these deficiencies necessarily increase with the delay of collection, Indulgencies to Collectors may sometimes be proper, but they should be granted with caution; and never repeated unless upon the most pressing occasions or urgent necessity

All which is respectfully submitted

[115] (Signed) S Jones Jun^{r}
E W King
A H Lawrence

Which was approved

Alderman Mesier presented a Resolution authorising Auctioneers to occupy for the sales of Merchandize only the part of Wall Street between Pearl and Front Street provided they obtain permission of the occupants of the houses and do not incumber the side Walks. Which was referred to the Council to report an ordinance amending the ordinance corresponding to the said Resolution

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	5253.10
Warrants not presented	1904.67
	3348.43

Whereupon His Honor the Maydr was requested to issue Warrants for payment of the following Accounts

C Mesier Esqr attending Court Genl Sesn Augst	48.
T Carpenter " "	48.
C Dickenson " " Septr	48.
R. Cunningham " " "	48.
J Morss " " Octr	48.
[116] I S Douglass Esqr atten'g Cou[r]t Sesn October	48.
G Buckmaster " " June & Novr	96.
P H Wendover " " July & Nov	96.
N Fish " " "	48.
J Pell " " June	48.
P Aymar Collector to pay Inspr Charter Election except 6 & 8 Wds	144.
P Aymar Collector to pay Clerks Do except 1 & 6 Wds	48.
Js Burjeau 1 Marsh to pay Officers at Electn	79.
J Warner Spl Justice 1 Qr Saly 26 Inst	250.
C Christian " " "	250.
C Shultz Jr " " "	250.
B Oblenis Cle[r]k police Office " "	250.
R Stephens Asst Do " " "	125.
J Hays High Constable services of Officers at Police 3 Mo 26 Inst	106.50
J P Roome Sup Reps 1 Qr Saly 1 Decr	225.
Jas Hardie Ass C Inspr 1 Mo " "	62.50
Benjn Hicks " " " "	50.
M Hicks Dept St Comsr " "	50.
A B Holmes " " "	50.
Saml Green " " "	50.
Wm P Roome keeper Potters field " "	45.
Isaac Loofborough regulating Clock in Rutgers St 6 Mo to 5 Inst	33.33
T & J Swords printing Certifs Stock engraving &c	40.75
[117] Edwd Watkeys Candles for City Hall	17.83
Chas & N Hewlett award for surrender of Lease at Brooklyn	130.
Geo Taylor Jr One of the Arbitrators Do	5.
C ONeil repairing Wells 6 8 & 10 Wds	12.75
Geo Charlton balc for Well & Pump in Delancy St	108.59
E Ginnings 4 Loads Stone & labor for Well in Mott St	9.25
Thos & Geo Lovett on Acct Broome St	1000.
Archd Smith Balc building Sewer Beekman Slip	189.20
Thos & Geo Lovett paving part Bancker St	42.28
Jno Randel Junr Acct Su[r]veys	500.
J McComb Jr Paymaster N C Hall	1000.
Rd Furman Supdt Alms House	5000.
Do Treasr New Do Do	5000.
R Kent for Dinner 25 Nov 1812	403.50
	16.103.48

[118] In Common Council Dec^{r} 4 1812

Present The Hon^{l} DeWitt Clinton Mayor President

Peter Mesier Thomas Carpenter Richard Cunningham John Morss George Buckmaster John Pell	Aldermen	Sam^{l} Jones Jun^{r} Peter Hawes Augustine H Lawrence Elisha W King George Wilson Josiah Hedden William J Waldron Wm A Hardenbrook John Drake	Assistants

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

The following Resolution was presented and agreed to—Resolved that the same Inspectors who were appointed by this Board to Superintend the last Election of Members of Assembly in the different Wards of this City be and the same are hereby appointed Inspectors in their respective Wards for the ensuing Election for Members of the House of [119] *the House of* Representatives of the United States Viz

1st Ward	John Remsen Thomas Storm Thomas Bolton
2d Ward	John W Mulligan Jacob Drake Abraham Valentine
3d Ward	John Bogart Thomas W Gilbert Anthony L Underhill
4th Ward	Robert Bogardus Robert Brown Samuel Cowdrey
5th Ward	Henry Heiser Gideon Tucker Thomas Morris
6th Ward	William Wright Richard S Clarke Stephen Burdett
7th Ward	Beal N Lewis Benjamin S K[n]app William B Crosby
8th Ward	Edmund Kirby John Hopkins Arthur Burtis

[120] 9th Ward { Thomas Taylor, Cornelius Harsin, John Gelston

10th Ward { Henry Poppe, Reuben Munson, Ezekiel Bishop

Mr Lawrence from the Committee of Finance presented the following

The Committee of Finance have the honor to inform the Board, that in such high credit does the Corporation stand at present with their fellow Citizens That the Loan ordered on monday last to be opened for one hundred thousand Dollars at Six per Ct per Annn was subscribed for and filled up in less than five Minutes on Tuesday Morning

(Signed) A H Lawrenc C F C

Which was read

The Committee on the Petition of Robt Fulton Reported as follows That they have the pleasure to inform the Board that the conditions have been fully agreed to on the part of the [121] said Robert Fulton & William Cutting—Your Committee would have ordered the Leases made out, but as the Company have in their opinion made a fair and liberal offer, say Forty five hundred Dollars pr Annn for the remainder of the State and patent right, of about seven Years the Committee have thought proper to delay making the same, until the pleasure of the Board should be known respecting this last proposal

(Signed) A H Lawrence
Peter Hawes
John Pell.

Which was agreed to and the Committee were directed to cause to be inserted in the Lease to said Lessees of said Ferry that if a failure of the conditions should arrise occasioned by the default of the said Lessees that then and in that case the Corporation of the City of New York shall have a right to use a Steam Boat on said Ferry during the period granted by the State of New York and by the Patent from the United States

The Committee on the Petition of John A Graham and to whom the subject of the [122] public squares generally was committed presented a Report which was read and was referred to the Committee on Surveys which Committee was requested to exhibit a Plan for the reduction of the said Public Squares

[123] In Common Council Dec^{r} 7. 1812

Present The Hon^{l} DeWitt Clinton Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	Samuel Jones Jun^{r}
Thomas Carpenter	Peter Hawes
Charles Dickenson	Augustine H Lawrence
Richard Cunningham	Elisha W King
John Morss	George Wilson
Isaac S Douglass	Josiah Hedden
George Buckmaster	Michael M Titus
Peter H Wendover	William J Waldron
Nicholas Fish	Wm A Hardenbrook
John Pell	John Drake

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

Robert Fulton Esq^{r} to whom the Common Council had by a former Resolution granted the freedom of the City attended and took the oath prescribed by law

A Petition for a Lamp in Sixth Street was read and referred to the Lamp Committee

[124] A Petition from Peter Wilt for Stall N^{o} 42 Fly Market at present occupied by Nathaniel Underhill who was willing to relinquish the same and of Nathaniel Underhill for Stall N^{o} 62 Fly Market at present occupied by Adam Hartell who was willing to relinquish the same were read and referred to the Market Com^{tee}

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Eng^{n} Comp^{y} N^{o} 10.

Wm Schureman Chair Maker Nich^{s} Wm S^{t} 10 W^{d} Vce Corne^{l} Cisco resg^{d}

John Oliver Carpenter First St 10 W^{d} Vce Rich^{d} Thickner expelled

N^{o} 21

Benj^{n} M Birdsall Currier 4 Ferry St 2^{d} W^{d} Vc J L Raborg resg^{d}

N^{o} 22

Waters Field Grocer 5 Cath Slip 7 W^{d} Vce Benj^{n} Banks app^{d} Fire Warden

A Petition of Capt^{n} Roorback for permission to winter the Steam Boat under his command in the Basin at the foot of Jay Street was granted on condition of his obtaining the consent of the Lessee of Slips

Upon the Report of the Attorney penalties [125] were remitted upon the usual Terms to Captns Freeman. Van Name & Hallock for not reporting passengers

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents upon the Assessment for a Well in Elizabeth Street, and a Warrant was directed to issue to the Collector for collection of the same

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for paving Murray Street from the East side of Church Street to near Chapple Street, which was confirmed and Morris DeCamp was appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner, on the petition of Wm Kay reported. that previous to contracting for new Wells, they are advertized for estimates and given to the lowest, and the old wells are repaired under the direction of the Superintendant of repairs, to whom the application should most properly have been made, as the Petitioner has informed the Street Commissioner that he only intended to apply for part of the old work or repairs, it is therefore thought he [126] should have leave to withdraw his petition

Which is respectfully submitted

(Sigd) Saml Stilwell St Comsr

Which was approved

The Street Commissioner on the petition of Archibald Smith reported that he is of the opinion that the said petition should be granted as the time given was too short

Which is respectfully Submitted

(Sigd) Saml Stillwell St Comsr

Which was approved

Mr Jones from the Committee on the petition of the purchasors of Lots in Hamilton Square presented a Report which was read and the consideration thereof postponed

The City Inspector reported a Well in Harman Street, as in a dangerous situation; and recommended that the Superintendant of Repairs be directed to cause the same to be covered, Which was agreed to

[127] The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury
Warrants not presented

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrants for payment of the following Accounts

Lawrence & Vn Wart Watch	498.75
Farrington & White "	621.25
Hays & Bogart "	670.25
Angvine & Hedden "	315.
R Graves Asst St Comsr 1 Mo Saly to 1 Decr	62.50
M Nevins Clk Chartr Elecn 1 Wd	6.
Wm Post Carriage hire &c from 2 Sept to 27 Nov	45.
Henry Brush repairing pumps 7 & 10 Wds	62.50
Jas Richardson " Wells "	22.49
Wm Stratton Balc Well & Pump in Norfolk St	82.18
Wm McCormick award to heirs of F Lynch & Wm McCormick & Wife for ground & buildings taken to widen Pearl St at Elm St balc	774.81
Thos & Geo Lovett acct paving St at Beekman Slip	400.
Ricd Moran Acct paving Murray St from Church towards Chapple St	167.91
Jas Kelly Acct repaving Maiden Lane	100.
B Skaats to purchase fuel for City Hall	100.
J P Roome Supd Reps for new Watch House 3d St & to pay workmen	1000.
J Secor Coroner Fees 3 Mo to 1 Decr 1812	99.36
	5124.

[128] This being the day prescribed by law for the persons chosen at the last Charter Election to take the oaths of office the following persons attended and were sworn into office by His Honor the Mayor in the presence of the Common Council

Peter Mesier	Alderman	First Ward
John Nitchie	Assistant	
John V B Varrick, James Heard	Assessors	
Daniel J Ebbets	Collector	
Zepheniah Brown, Robert Graham	constables	
John Vanderbilt Junr	Alderm	Second Ward
Joseph W Bracket	Assistant	
John Clark Junr, Adam Tredwell	assessors	
Gilliam Cornwell	Collector	
Henry Marsh, Aza Eastwood	constables	
Charles Dickenson	Alderman	Third Ward
Augustine H Lawrence	Assistnt	
Leonard Kip, Harmanus Talman	Assessors	
Francis V Many	Collector	
Joshua Green, John B Fiquet	constables	

[129] Richard Cunningham	Alderman	Fourth Ward
Elisha W King	Assistant	
Leonard Fisher, John Higbie	Assessors	
William McIntosh	Collector	
Jacob Morrison, William French	constables	
John Morss	Alderman	Fifth Ward
Thomas R Smith	Assistant	
Samuel Hutchings, Leonard Warner	Assessors	
William Berrian	Collector	
John Striker Junr, Charles E Kelly	constables	
Isaac S Douglass	Alderman	Sixth Ward
Josiah Hedden	Assistant	
Lewis Angevine, John McClure	assessors	
John ONeal	collector	
John Benson, John White	Constables	
George Buckmaster	Alderman	Seventh Ward
Asa Mann	assistant	
James McMasters, Benjn Prince	Assessors	
Morris Oakley	Collector	
Jonathan Allen, Azel Conklin	constables	
[130] Peter H Wendover	Alderman	Eighth Ward
William J Waldron	Assistant	
Jonathan Pinkney, Isaac Emmons	Assessors	
Andrew Hegeman	Collector	
Moses Cunningham, John Pulis	constables	
Nicholas Fish	Alderman	Ninth Ward
Wm A Hardenbrook	Assistant	
Jacob Horn, Peter Waldron	Assessors	
William Holmes	Collector	
Reuben Ryder, Samuel Wheat	constables	
John Pell	Alderman	Tenth Ward
James Palmer	Assistant	
Solomon Wheeler, Cornelius Schuyler	Assessors	
John Palmer	Collector	
Epenetus C Cornwell, Henry G Disbrow	constables	

The Members sworn into office took their Seats and the Common Council was formed as follows

[131] The Hon[l] DeWitt Clinton, Mayor, President.

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
John Vanderbilt J[r]		Joseph W Brackett	
Charles Dickenson		Augustine H Lawrence	
Richard Cunningham		Elisha W King	
John Morss		Thomas R Smith	
Isaac S Douglass		Josiah Hedden	
George Buckmaster		Asa Mann	
Peter H Wendover		W[m] J Waldron	
Nicholas Fish		W[m] A Hardenbrook	
John Pell		James Palmer	

This being the day assigned for the election of Chamberlain or City Treasurer, the Board proceeded to that duty, when Whitehead Fish Esq[r] was unanimously re-elected to that Office

It was resolved that the sureties in the Bond of the Treasurer for the last Year be accepted as Sureties in the Bond to be given by him for the present year

A Petition of Dennis OHarraty to be appointed Wood Inspector, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications

A Petition for a Well and Pump corner of [132] Bleecker St was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward, and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance for the same

A Petition of Andrew Blackley for hire of the Room over the Watch-House in Spring Street was read and referred to the Comptroller.

[133] In Common Council Dec[r] 14 1812

Present The Hon[l] De Witt Clinton Mayor President
Pierre C Van Wyck Esq[r] Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
John Vanderbilt J[r]		Joseph W Brackett	
John Morss		Augustine H Lawrence	
George Buckmaster		Elisha W King	
Peter H Wendover		Thomas R Smith	
Nicholas Fish		Josiah Hedden	
John Pell		Asa Mann	
		W[m] J Waldron	
		W[m] A Hardenbrook	
		James Palmer	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A further Communication from the Society Library and other literary Institutions on the subject of being accomodated with Rooms

in the present Alms House on the new-one being finished and requesting that Members may be added, in the place of those who have resigned their Seats at the [134] Board, was read, and Alderman Mesier and Mr Brackett were placed on said Committee, in place of Mr Jones and Mr Wilson

A Petition of William Jacobs for remission of a fine incurred under the law regulating the lying of Vessels in the public Slips was read and granted on payment of Costs

A Letter from Lieutnt J Post U S Military Agent was read, stating, that the United States were desirous of erecting a temporary Building for a Guard and Store House adjacent to Fort Gansevort on Hudson's River, upon Ground laid out upon the Map as West Street, which should be removed when required, was read and referred to the Committee on Streets with authority to grant the request

The City Inspector presented Drafts of ordinances from No 790 to No 811. which were passed

A Petition of Lawrence Heyer for an [135] appointment as a Measurer of grain, was read and referred to the Committee on applications

A Memorial from Theodorus Bailey and Elbert Anderson was read stating that they were lessees of the Corporation of certain Lots situated on Chatham Street—That a portion of said Lots had been taken to open Magazine Street—that for the residue of said Lots no rent to be paid by them had been fixed—and praying that the same might be ascertained—They also offered to release for a reasonable equivalent a portion of said Lots which would be advantageous to the property owned by the Corporation—Ordered that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner Comptroller & Attorney

A Petition of Sybel Coats praying to be permitted to continue a small Shed which she had erected for the purpose of sheltering her from the Weather at a Coffee stand at the foot of James St was read, and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 4th Ward

A Letter was received from Charles Smith Lessee of Slips stating, that a practice prevailed among certain owners of Sloops, of shipping their [136] Vessels and laying them up in Slips for the Winter season—And as this practice is injurious to Boats attending the Markets with provisions and infringing upon his rights he prayed the interference of the Board—Ordered that it be referred to the Council to report an ordinance to provide against the evil complained of

A Petition from Francis Favereau stating that he belonged to the Brigade of Artilery of this State, that as such he was exempted by

Law from personal Tax to a certain amount—That he had been assessed by the Assessors of the Ward in which he resided and he prayed the interference of the Board—Ordered that the same be referred to the Comptroller

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the 10th Ward, praying that on account of their distance from the public Market that Thomas Place & Thomas Place Junr may be permitted to sell meat in said Ward was read, and referred to the Market Committee

[137] A Petition of Ephraim Hart praying remission of penalties, incurred under the ordinance directing the filling up of certain Lots between Green & Wooster Streets, the said ordinance being now fully complied with, was read and referred to the Comptroller

A Petition for a Well in the vicinity of Rivington Street and the Bowery was read, and referred, to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance for the same

A Petition of Charles Watts and others owners of Lots on Staunton and Pell Streets was read stating that in obedience to Ordinances of the Board they had several times filled up these Lots and made the streets opposite but that owing to the neglect of the owners of the adjoining Lots in not filling up their Lots agreably to ordinances, the earth has washed away, and their expense and labor were of no avail—that Guerdon S Mumford is now the proprietor of the adjoining Lots and that ordinances have been again served upon him directing him to fill up the same but they understood he is about petitioning for a further [138] time for complying with said ordinance which they pray may not be granted to him but that he be compelled forthwith to comply with the same

A Petition from Guerdon S Mumford praying further time for complying with ordinances directing him to fill up certain Lots in Staunton & Pell Sts was also read and the above two petitions were referred to the Street Commissioner

A Memorial from sundry Inhabitants representing the distressed State of Mrs Hall and her Family at No 67 Fair St was read and referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House

Upon the Report of the Attorney penalties were remitted upon the usual terms to Captains Icard. Munson & Warner for not reporting passengers—Penalties were also remitted to Captn Holmes and his own bond was directed to be taken for passengers imported in the Sloop Sally from providence, whose names were unknown to him and who had left [139] the City.

The Chief Engineer on the Petition of William Sherwood. reported

that Mr Sherwood having informed him that he had resigned his situation in the Engine Company No 37 he thought any further enquiry was unnecessary

Which Report was approved

The Street Commissioner presented a return of delinquents upon the Assessment for widening and improving Pearl St at Elm St and a Warrant was ordered to issue to the Collector

The Street Commissioner from the Committee to whom it was referred, Reported ordinances, for a Well in Bleecker Street near Bowery Road & for a Well in Christopher Street near the House of Abraham Heyer, which were passed and George Ireland, John Brown & Lemuel Skidmore were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for a Well in Broome Street between Elm and Crosby Street. For one in Stanton Street between Ridge and Pitt Street for one in Broome Street between 3d & 4th Street, which [140] were confirmed & Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector in the first and Morris De Camp in the Two last

A Letter from John A Hardenbrook requesting to be appointed Firewarden of the 5th Ward as a vacancy had occurred by the removal from the City of Cornelius Crygier, was read and granted

The Council informed the Board that a Declaration in Ejectment had been served upon Richard Furman as Treasurer in possession of part of the ground on which the Alms House is erected, in a Suit of Richard Smith on the demise of George Peck—Whereupon the Attorney was ordered to enter an appearance in said suit and to defend the same

The opinion of John Wells Esqr Council on the question arrising upon the case of the petition of the Purchasors of Hamilton Square Lots was presented and read, and the further consideration postponed

[141] The following Standing Committees were appointed.

On applications
- Alden Dickenson
- " Wendover
- " Cunningham

Assessments
- Messrs Bracket
- " Hedden
- " Lawrence
- " Mann
- " Nitchie

Bellevue
- Alden Fish
- Messrs Hardenbrook
- " King
- Al[d]ern Morss
- Mr Lawrence

Building
- Alden Morss
- " Fish
- " Douglass
- Messrs Waldron
- " Lawrence

Canal
- Aldern Wendover
- Messrs Hardenbrook
- " Hedden
- " Smith
- " Nitchie

[142] Aldn Vanderbilt
Mr Palmer
Aldn Mesier
Messrs Mann
" Waldron
} On Charity

Aldn Fish
" Morss
" Mesier
" Buckmaster
Messrs Nitchie
" Bracket
" Smith
} Defence

Messrs King
" Lawrence
Aldn Vanderbilt
} Ferry

[143] Messrs King
" Hedden
" Nitchie
" Brackett
} Laws

Aldn Mesier
" Pell
" Wendover
Messrs Lawrence
" Hedden
} Markets

Messrs Brackett
" King
" Smith
" Palmer
" Hedden
} Police

[144] Aldn Mesier
" Fish
Messrs Nitchie
" Hardenbrook
" Waldron
} Surveys

Aldn Douglass
" Buckmaster
" Wendover
Mr King
Aldn Vanderbilt
} Watch

Mr Lawrence
Aldn Mesier
" Pell
Messrs Palmer
" Nitchie
} Finance

Mr Hardenbrook
" Morss
" Douglass
} Fire Department

Aldn Cunningham
" Wendover
Mr Hedden
} Lamps

Aldn Morss
Messrs Lawrence
" Hardenbrook
} Repairs

Aldern Fish
" Pell
" Mesier
Messrs Hardenbrook
" Lawrence
} Roads

Mr King
Aldn Cunningham
" Buckmaster
} Streets

Aldn Cunningham
" Buckmaster
" Dickenson
} Wharves Piers &c

His Honor the Mayor Stated that in the present mode of levying for rent the fees demanded by Marshals & Constables were oppressive and he conceived a Legislative interference would be proper to remedy the same. Whereupon it was Resolved that said subject be referred to the Committee on Laws

Aldn Vanderbilt was placed on the Committee on the petitions relative to the removal of the Hay Scales from Gouverneurs Slip in

the place of [145] Alderman Carpenter who had relinquished his seat at the Board

William Wilmerding was appointed Inspector of the ensuing Election for Representatives to Congress in the 9th Ward in the place of Cornelius Harsin and John W Weyman for the 3d Ward in place of Thos Gilbert both in the Brigade of State Artilery at present doing duty in the service of the United States

It having been represented that a great waste was incurred in the lighting of public Lamps of the City the subject was referred to the Lamp Committee

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	87.205.99
Warrants not presented	1738.67
	$85467.32

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrants for payment of the following Accounts

Peter Aymar Collecr 1 Qr Salv 6 Inst	156.
J A Crolius Inspr Bread 1 Qr Salv 8 Inst	94.80
Editor Evngs Post 6 mo Subsn & advertizing	46.50
Wm Wright & others Insprs Chr Elect 6 Wd	18.
Arthur Burtis Do Do Do	18.
[146] Wm S Castle repairg Pumps 2 & 3d Wds	88.21
Wm Stratton Acct Well & Pump in Second St	114.46
Jno Bailey repaving Sundry Intersections	69.75
Henry Hulshart Inspng & paving sundry Sts	43.71
John Adamson for 1403 Monumental Stone Balc	3668.
Uzal W Freeman surveying 3 & 9th Avenues & 15th St	145.
Comstock & Sawyer 2d paymt on 76 Casks Oil due 14th Inst	2273.42
E Ginnings Supdg Lamps 1 Mo 11 Inst & repairs	781.71
John McComb Jr paymaster N C Hall	2000.
	9454.56
Balance	76.012.76

[147] In Common Council Dec[r] 17 1812

Present The Hon[l] De Witt Clinton Mayor President

John Vanderbilt J[r]	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
Richard Cunningham		Joseph W Brackett	
George Buckmaster		Augustine H Lawrence	
Peter H Wendover		Elisha W King	
Nicholas Fish		Thomas R Smith	
John Pell		Asa Mann	
		William J Waldron	
		W[m] A Hardenbrook	
		James Palmer	

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that an official Account having been received of the capture of the British Frigate Macedonian by the U S Frigate United States and that the Commodore was expected daily to arrive in this Port with his p[r]ize and presuming it would be the wish of the common Council to express their own and the feelings of their fellow Citizens on this atchievement so honorable to the naval character of our country he had for that purpose summoned them together.

[148] He then presented the following Resolutions for their consideration which having been read were unanimously adopted

In testimony of the high sense which the Common Council entertain of the gallantry, skill and patriotism of the Captain Officers and Crew of the Frigate United States in the capture of the British Frigate Macedonian, an event which has added new laurels to the triumphs of American heroism, and which is all important to the great commercial Interests of the Union in its practical illustration of the utillity and its enforcement of the necessity of a Navy

Resolved that the freedom of the City in a gold Box be presented to Commodore Decatur and that his Portrait be procured and set up in the Gallery of portraits belonging to the City And that the thanks of the Common Council be presented to his Officers & Crew, who were concerned in this Brilliant atchievement

And as an additional testimony of respect to the naval Officers who have on [149] this as well as two other ocasions vindicated the honor of our Country—Resolved that Alder[n] Fish. Wendover & M[r] Lawrence be a Committee to make suitable arrangements in concurrence with our fellow citizens for a public Dinner to Commodore Decatur Captains Hull & Jones

Resolved that on the arrival of the Frigate United States and her prize in this port the national Flag be displayed on the City Hall.

That Brig[dr] Gen[l] Morton be requested to cause a national salute to be fired by a Detachment from his Brigade That the Vessels in the Harbour hoist their colors Mast high and that the Bells in the City be rung for one hour on the occasion

Resolved that this Board will with the concurrence of Commodore Decatur give the Warrant officers and crew of the Frigate United States a Dinner on board the Ship and that Alde[n] Vanderbilt Buckmaster & M[r] King be a committee to carry the same into effect

Resolved that it be recommended to the Citizens to refrain from illuminating their Houses on this occasion, The Common Council considering it a practice dangerous in occasioning Fires uselessly expensive to the poor and calculated to produce disorder

[150] In Common Council Dec[r] 21 1812

Present The Hon[l] De Witt Clinton Mayor President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John Nitchie
John Vanderbilt J[r]		Joseph W Brackett
Charles Dickenson		Augustine H. Lawrence
Richard Cunningham		Elisha W King
John Morss		Thomas R Smith
George Buckmaster		Josiah Hedden
Peter H Wendover		Asa Mann
Nicholas Fish		Wm J Waldron
		Wm A Hardenbrook
		James Palmer

Assistants

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Donald Fraser praying the appointment of a measurer of Coal was read, and resolved that upon Petitioners resigning the office of Weighmaster which he now holds under the Board that a Commission issue to him for the appointment of measurer of Coal—&[c]

[151] A Petition of Isaac Clawson praying permission to continue a lime House erected by him in Broad way during the Winter, was read, and Resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A Petition of Nathaniel Cromer for a Stall in the Market about to be erected at Greenwich was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Thomas & John Gardner for a Water grant on the East River between Corlears Hook and Walnut Street was read and referred to the Comptroller & S[t] Commissioner

A Letter from the Justices of police complaining of the shutting up of the lower avenue of the Hall and of the want of a room in which

to confine Prisoners, was read and referred to the Committee on the Police

The City Inspector presented Drafts of ordinances for correction of nuisances from N° 811 to N° 835 which were passed

A Petition of John Moneypenney [152] praying remission of a fine incurred by erecting a Wooden Building within the limits forbidden by Law—was read and referred to the Attorney for a report of the case and his opinion thereon

A Petition of Peter Shonnard for remission of penalty incurred under the Law regulating the lying of vessels at the public Slips was read and granted on payment of costs

A Petition of Silas Tobias a Watchman complaining of the conduct of John White Captain of the District, was referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of William Peters and of Allison Platt for appointment of Foreman of the Watch of the First District in the place of Joseph Waldron, were read and referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of Thomas Place Sen^{r} praying remission of a penalty incurred under the Market Law was read, and Ordered that judgment be entered against [153] Petitioner and that upon payment of costs all proceedings upon the judgment be staid until the further order of the Board

A Letter from Joseph Burjeau First Marshal requesting the order of the Board as to the sum which is to be allowed to the Marshals & Constables for their attendance at the Polls at the late Election for Representatives in Congress was read and ordered that the Sum of $1.50 p^{r} Diem be allowed them

A Petition of Martha Gautier & James R Smith stating that in the Year 1810 they at their own individual Expense erected a Sewer to discharge the water from the Cellars of N° 5 Gold St and the adjacent House—That lately Individuals in said Street had made use of said Sewer by means of lateral Drains, and praying that relief may be given to them either by a general assessment upon persons benefitted thereby or in such other way as may be deemed proper, Was read, and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Memorial of Bartholomew Skaats Keeper of the City Hall praying, that in consequence [154] of his encreased duties that an additional allowance may be made to him

Whereupon Resolved that the sum of $200 per Annum be added to his present salary to take place on the 1st Jan^{y} next

The City Inspector Reported that he had received from the Chief Engineer a Return of the Fire Engine & Hook & Ladder Companies, their apparatus, places of deposit, condition &c together with the names of the Engineers and Foremen

Whereupon Resolved that one hundred Copies of the same be printed

A Memorial of the Trustees of the City Dispensary praying the decission of the Board upon a former Petition was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

Upon the Report of the Attorney penalties were remitted upon the usual terms to Captns Harding, Griffing. Polk & Catani for not reporting passengers

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents upon the assessments [155] for Wells and Pumps in Delancey & Norfolk Streets. Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued to the Collectors for collecting the same

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of Gurdon S Mumford, reported, That Mr Mumford was served with an ordinance of this Board on the 7th day of October last to fill the said Lots by the 1st day of December (this month) which remains undone, (the work not having commenced) to the great injury and inconvenience of the neighbourhood

The Street Commissioner is therefore of opinion that Mr Mumford and other the proprietors of Lots between Stanton, Pitt, North, & Willet Streets should be ordered to fill them by the 11th day of July next

Which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Saml Stilwell St Comsr

Which was approved

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of an Assessment for a Pump in Second Street between Hester & Grand Street which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

[156] The Street Commissioner on the Petition of Ephraim Hart, Reported, That he has viewed the Lots in question and found them sufficiently filled He is therefore of opinion that it would not be improper to remit the penalty on payment of costs

Which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Saml Stilwell St Comsr

Which was approved

The Council of the Board agreably to direction reported an ordinance to authorize the removal of Vessels from the public Wharves & Slips which was read and referred to the Committee on Laws

The Council of the Board agreably to direction reported a Law further to regulate Sales by auction which was read and passed

Resolved that the building Committee be requested to report upon the application of the Register of Chancery for a room in the City Hall, which was referred to them

[157] It having been represented to the Common Council that the Magazine at the West Battery was in a situation dangerous to the Inhabitants the subject was referred to Alder[n] Mesier Buckmaster Vanderbilt

The situation of the Lots whereon the old City Hall stood having been represented in a situation offensive and inconvenient to the neighbourhood, it was referred to the St Commissioner City Inspector and Superintendant of Repairs to cause the Lots owned by the Corporation and by Individuals to be enclosed with a Fence and the Street paved

Ordered, that in all Suits now depending against offenders under the Market Law that the Attorney be authorized upon judgment being obtained to suspend all proceedings upon said Judgments upon payment of costs, until the further order of the Board

Resolved, that the different papers upon [158] the subject of the Petition by the proprietors of Lots in Hamilton Square, be referred to M[r] Harrison & M[r] Hawes for their opinion as Counsel upon the same

Ordered that the Superintendant of repairs cause a Gate to be made on the East side of the Park Fence opposite George's Street

Ordered that the Comptroller and Attorney be directed to demand Interest upon all arrearages of rent due to this Corporation

Resolved, that the Ferry Committee be authorized to lease at auction for the period of twenty one Years any one or two of the Corporation Lots at Brooklyn, and that they also dispose of the old materials now lying on the Lots upon which the Edifices were lately destroyed by fire

The Comptroller Reported

Cas[h] in the Treasury	78770.98
Warrants not presented	1869.47
	$76.901.51

[159] Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrants for payment of the following accounts

Lawrence & Vn Wart Watch	498.75
Farrington & White "	621.25
Hays & Bogart "	670.25
Angevine & Hedden "	315.
Saml Romaine completing Tax Books for 1812	200.
P Aymar to pay 20 Clerks Congress Election Decr 1812	120.
Edwd Watkeys Candles for City Hall	18.12
Jno Fine repairing Pumps 1st & 6th Wds	94.41
Wm Butler iron work pumps 5 & 8th Wds	45.58
Jas Kelly Acct pavg Duane St frm William to Rose St	200.
Wm Kay repavg Intersections Sts	62.62
Richd Morran balc pavg Murray St	187.24
Jas Kelly Acct repavg Maiden Lane	75.
Hoyt & Clarke fillg in Bridges Partition & Vesey Sts	19.25
Jonah Hardman Oversr Roads frm 1 Nov to 9 Decr	281.13
J P Roome & Son covering for Hose Cart fire Deptmt	21.82
Cornls C Vn Allen 1 Years' Intst on Bond to Estate C Clopper	62.50
J P Roome Supdt Reprs to pay Bills & Workmen	1000.
Jno McComb Jr paymr N City Hall	1000.
Richd Furman Treasr New Alms House	10000.
	15492.92
Balance	61,408.59

Adjourned to meet at the Common Council Chamber

[160] In Common Council Decr 28, 1812, the board assembled in the Mayor's Office

Present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Mayor President

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	John Nitchie
John Vanderbilt Jr	Joseph W Brackett
Charles Dickenson	Augustine H Lawrence
Isaac S Douglass	Josiah Hedden
John Morss	Thomas R Smith
George Buckmaster	Elisha W King
Peter H Wendover	Asa Mann
Nicholas Fish	Wm J Waldron
	Wm A Hardenbrook
	James Palmer

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

Petitions from James Reeves praying for stand in Greenwich

Market and from William Parkins for stand in Fly Market or Hudson Market, were read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Samuel Mabbit praying remission of a penalty incurred by erecting [161] a wooden Building within the limit forbidden by Law, was read and referred to the Attorney

A Memorial of Daniel Pratt stating that he had made a considerable improvement in the mode of loading cannon—which he considered of public utility—One also from Nathaniel Briggs alledging that he had contrived a simple and effectual mode of defence for the Waters and Harbours of the U, S, which he wished to exhibit to the officers of the general government and requesting some pecuniary assistance to enable him to make a visit to Washington—And one also from William Tatham of the District of Columbia on the subject of a cheap and effectual defence for Harbours against a Navy were severally read and referred to the Committee of Defence

A Petition of Thomas Flemming stating that he has a lease on Lot N° 14 Nassau St which he understands will be required for opening said Street and requesting the Common Council to take orders on said subject as early as possible, was read, and thereupon Resolved that the Street Commissioner [162]] and Council of the Board take legal measures for opening Nassau Street agreably to a former Resolution of the Board

A Memorial was received from John White Captain of City Watch praying that the complaint made against him by Silas Tobias may be examined into, was referred to the Watch Committee

The Attorney to whom the Petition of John Moneypenney was referred. Reported that no complaint had been made to him against the Building erected by M^{r} Moneypenny and therefore he could not state any facts on the subject

Which Report was approved

The Committee of Police on the memorial of the Justices of the police Reported That they have examined the apartments connected with the Watch establishment in the City Hall, with a view to keep prisoners separate during examination. And are of opinion, that they are suitable, and may be used for such purpose, without interfering with the Watch [163] otherwise than occasion some dirt &^{c} and that on conversing with the police justices, they have expressed a willingness to keep the apartments clean and in good order so far as affected by the use they should make of them. The Committee therefore, are

of opinion, that the police should have the use of those apartments for the purposes required, on that condition

(Signed) J Warren Brackett
James Palmer
E W King
Thos R Smith
Josiah Hedden

Which was approved

Upon Motion the Common Council adjourned to their Chamber, for the purpose of conferring upon Capt Isaac Hull of the United States Frigate Constitution the freedom of the City agreably to a former Resolution.

It being anonunced that capt Hull was in waiting, a Committee consisting of Alden Fish. Mr Lawrence & the Clerk of the Common Council were deputed to introduce Capt Hull into the Comn Counl Chamber This was accordingly done, when His Honor [164] addressed Captn Hull as follows

"Sir

"In behalf of the Common Council I have the honor of presenting "you with the freedom of this City, and communicating their high "sense of the courage and skill displayed by yourself, your officers "and crew, in the capture of the British Frigate Guerriere.

"Deeds of valor and atchievements of glory are, at all itmes, "cherished by patriotism and rewarded by true policy; but when we "consider that our recent victories on the ocean have exhibited the "American character in the most interesting light; have created a new "character in the annals of naval warfare, and have been the principal "means of establishing our navy on a respectable and permanent basis, "it must be universally admitted that the actors in these scenes of "heroism are pre-eminently entitled to the gratitude of their country.

"That Commerce is essential to our prosperity, that it cannot "flourish without protection, and that it cannot be protected without a "navy are truths too evident to be denied, and two important not to be [165] "appreciated by the intelligence and public spirit of America

"We cannot withold on this occasion our cordial approbation of "your generous and benevolent treatment of the vanquished: it "demonstrates the natural alliance between courage and humanity— "and in mitigating the calamities of war it reflects honor on our "national character"

The Freemans Oath as prescribed by Law was then administered to

Cap[n] Hull by the Mayor and the certificate thereof enclosed in a superb golden Box prepared with suitable Emblems were delivered to him

Capt[n] Hull, "expressed the deep sense he felt at the honors thus "conferred upon him. That Box and its highly valued contents, he "pledged himself to preserve as an incentive to his zealous and most "strenuous exertions in the cause of his country whenever future "good fortune should afford him an opportunity. To have it believed, "he said, by so highly respectable a body as the corporation of the "City of New York that an action of his had contributed to so de-"sirable an event as the establishment of a navy on a permanent Basis, "was a source of pleasing reflection which would only cease with life

[166] After which Capt[n] Hull retired and the Board adjourned to the Mayors Office where the following business was transacted

Ordered that a Warrant issue for $350 in favor of Alde[n] Wendover for account of Greenwich Market

Resolved that a Warrant for $800 in favor of the Clerk of the Common Council on acct of and for defraying the expenses accruing under the Resolutions of the 17[th] Inst relative to the celebration of our late naval victories

Ordered that the Superintendant of repairs, procure staves of Office for the newly elected Members of the Board

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	
Warrants not presented	
	61.408.59

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrants for payment of the following accounts

[167] Ja[s] Hardie Ass[t] City Insp[r] 1 mo Sal[y] 1 Jan[y] 1803	62.50
Benj[n] Hicks " " " "	54.
M Hicks " St Com[sr] " "	54.
A B Holmes " " " "	54.
Sam[l] Green " " " "	54.
W[m] P Roome Keeper Potters Field " "	46.50
P Aymar to pay Insp[r] Cong[l] Elect[n] 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10[th] Wd[s]	126.
J Burjeau 1[s] Marshal to pay officers " " "	169.50
L Persiary taking care Mud Machines 3 mo 28 Oc[r]	30.
S V[n] Orden making Truck for Eng[n] N[o] 4	130.
Tho[s] Mingus Blacksmith Work for Sup[dt] Rep[rs]	61.37
C Oneil repairing Pumps 6 & 10[th] Wards	66.50
Oliver Waldron overseer Roads 1 Nov 11 Dec 1812	322.60
J Randall Acct Surveys	2300.

Jn° McComb Paymaster N C Hall	1000.
J Morton Expenses celebrating Naval victories	800.
P H Wendover Acct Build Markt Greenwich	350.
	5680.97
Balance	$55,727.62

Adjourned to meet at the Mayor Office

[168] In Common Council January 4th 1813.

Present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Pierre C Vn Wyck Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	John Nitchie
John Vanderbilt	Joseph W Brackett
Richard Cunningham	Augustine H Lawrence
John Morss	Elisha W King
Isaac S Douglass	Thomas R Smith
George Buckmaster	Josiah Hedden
Nicholas Fish	Asa Mann
John Pell	Wm J Waldron
	Wm A Hardenbrook

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved

Petitions were received from Adam Ten Broeck. Frederick Glasshorn Adam Fink & Benjn Brewster for stands in the Greenwich Market—from James Marsh & Thos Place for stands in the Washington Market—from Lawrence Voisburn for N° 11. Hudson Market lately occupied by George Goodheart Decd—& from Danl Tier for N° 35 Fly Market [169] recommendations from sundry citizens in favor of the petition of Wm Parkins, were also received, and the said several papers were referred to the Market Committee

A Recommendation from the occupants of N° 127 & 129 Water Street in favor of permitting David Crone Auctioneer to sell Household Furniture opposite said Dwelling Houses Was read and ordered that permission be accordingly given

A Petition of John Knapp for remission of Fine incurred under Sunday Law, was read and ordered that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A Petition from Nicholas Low that Houston Street might be regulated from Lawrence to McDougal Street, Was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of George Hardie for remission of penalty under Pawn-

brokers Law was read and referred to the alderman and assistant of the 3d Ward with authority to remit the same on payment of costs

[170] A Petition of Jacob Parsel to be appointed Assistant to the Watch, was read and referred to the Watch Committee

A Communication from Christian Shultz Esqr recommending the setting of the City Watch at an earlier hour was read and referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of Mary Martin for pecuniary assistance was read and referred to the Committee of Charity

An Invitation from the President & Directors of the N Y Manufacturing Company to visit the establishment at Greenwich on Wednesday next was received, and Resolved that the Members will attend agreably to invitation

A Letter from Abraham Bussing requesting time for payment of two bonds given by him to the Corporation until the first of May next was read and granted on payment of Costs

A Petition of Isaac Clawson praying [171] remission of a fine incurred by continuing a Lime House beyond the time prescribed by law the same being now removed was read & granted

A Petition of Nathaniel Bradford praying remission of a fine incurred in not removing a nuisance agreably to an ordinance was read and referred to the City Inspector with authority to remit if in his opinion proper

A Petition from Fire Engine Company No 35 for a longer Leader was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire department & Chief Engineer

A Petition of Peter G Stuyvesant for a grant of Land under Water opposite his land from the middle of Stuyvesant Street was read & referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner

A Letter from James Bell Keeper of the Goal stating that many of the Prisoners were extremely indigent and unless supplied by the hand of charity with fuel would suffer greatly, and also that they were in great want of Blankets; was read and referred to the Superintendant of the Alms House with authority to give a [172] supply of Fuel & of Blankets.

A Petition of George Bilk praying remission of a Fine incurred by selling liquor without licence, was read and ordered that the execution be stayed until further order, upon payment of costs

A Letter from Willet Robin on behalf of the Society for Manumitting Slaves, stating, that it was believed that the privelege allowed to

Masters of confining Slaves in Bridewell was often abused & that some further regulation was necessary was read and referred to the Committee on Police

The subject generally respecting the confinement of persons in Bridewell was referred to the same Committee with a request to examine into the same and to report such regulations as they should deem necessary

A further application from Samuel Mabbit praying the interference of the board on a suit about to be commenced against him for erecting a Wooden Building within [173] the limits prescribed by law was read and over-ruled

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Compy No 4

Henry W Peckwell, band Box Mkr 129 Wm St, 2d Wd, Vce, J A Hardenbrook, Resd

No 22.

Jno Bannon, brewer, 45 Cheapside St, 7th Wd, Vce, Peter Austin, resgd,

No 24

Elisha Blossom, cabt maker, 425 Pearl St, 4th Wd, Vce, Isaac H Bogart, resgd,

No 25

Eliakim Raymond, Hatter, 14 Vandewater St, 4th Wd, Vce Jno Bartow, resgd,

No 30

Griffith Griffiths, shipwright, Stanton St, 10th Wd, Vce, John Graham Dischagd

Upon the Report of the attorney the penalty incurred by not reporting passengers was remitted on the usual terms to Captn Taylor

The City Inspector presented a Report on the present dangerous situation of Lispenard's Meadow which was directed to be referred to the Street Commissioner

A Communication from John Edwards on the same subject was also referred to the St Comsr

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment [174] for a Well in Mott Street between Chatham and cross Sts which was confirmed and Morris DeCamp was appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented Returns of Delinquents upon

the Assessment for repaving Maiden Lane Green S[t] & Duane St, and Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors

The Committee on the Petition of W[m] Bridges reported, That from the information they have collected it is evident that M[r] Bridges commenced his opperations for publishing the Map alluded to under an erroneous construction of the Resolution of the Board, His impression was that an exclusive right was conveyed to him by virtue of that Resolution, and when too late convinced of his mistake, he was compelled, to prevent competition, so to reduce the price as that unless the Corporation grants him some indulgence he must inevitably be a sufferer—Your Committee therefore recommend that upon his producing certificates to the Comptroller of having delivered Forty Maps completely [175] mounted and finished in the best style to the Board or its Members he be directed to pay him therefor as follows. Viz. nine Dollars per Map for Thirty Maps and fifteen and a half Dollars per Map for Ten Maps and to be entitled to receive back again all the Sheats delivered

All which is repectfully submitted

(Signed) Peter Mesier
J Nitchie
Nicholas Fish
W[m] A Hardenbrook

Which Report was approved

The Committee on the account of Thomas Hazard Reported, That from an investigation of this subject it appears, that in the course of five Years past, the number of persons committed to the City Prison and Bridewell have increased from 346 to 880 during the space of six months; This large increase can be attributed in some measure to the practice of charging several times for the same person on the same days & by the same Officers, In the Volume of names now presented, one female was committed as a vagrant four times in little more than [176] two Months; and some are returned under fictitious names. The Committee are fully impressed with the correctness of the Comptrollers remark—that it is very improper such practices should be permitted to exist, and they think that while a due attention ought to be paid to the apprehension of real offenders the unfortunate and friendless should not be subjected to the arbitary exactions of certain unprincipled Men altho' cloathed with a little brief authority

There is reason to believe that great impositions are practised on the poor the ignorant and unwary (particularly destitute females)

under the Garb of office; and that numbers have been frequently taken to prison, for the sole purpose of obtaining fees

The above remarks are not intended to apply to the Officers indiscriminately, some are well known for their vigilance and integrity; but justice requires that a marked disapprobation should be expressed against the practices before alluded to

The Committee present the following [177] statement, taken from the account and marked in the margin

2—for different offences, following days same Officers					
4—	Dº	same	days	different	Officers
2	Dº	different	"	"	"
4	Dº	Officers same, days same,		Dº	"
8	Dº	Diff Officers same days same			Officers

While the Committee report that the account should pass for a Warrant in the usual manner, they also recommend that no further accounts of this description be hereafter paid by the Board

(Signed) R Cunningham
Wm J Waldron

Which was approved and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant accordingly

And on Motion it was referred to the Committee on Laws and ordinances to enquire as to the practices of the Marshals and Constables in apprehending Robbers and vagrants and conveying them to prison, and the Rules of the Police Magistrates on that subject, and to report thereon to the Board

[178] Aldern Mesier Chairman of the Market Committee, to whom were referred the Petitions of Nathaniel Underhil for Stall Nº 62 Fly Market, of Peter Wilt Nº 42 in same Market, & of Elnathan Close for permission to sell meat at his Grocery Store in Manhattan Island presented reports in favor of the petitioners, which were approved

The Comptroller made a communication on the subject of the accounts of Abner Curtis Register of Dogs, which together with the said accounts was referred to Mr King Mr Lawrence

The Comptroller on the petition of William Valleau & John Gardner reported, That it would be proper to issue a grant to John Gardner, on the usual terms; The arrearages of rent from the time of improvement, to be paid to the first of May next; with a reservation of Streets to be approved of by the Street Commissioner—And that the

Attorney of the Board be authorized [179] to p[r]epare a grant accordingly

respectfully Submitted

(Signed) G N Bleecker. Compt[r]

The Comptroller and Street Commissioner on the petition of Tho[s] & John Gardner reported, That a grant should issue to the petitioners, for the Water Lot in front of their property at Corlears Hook as follows Bounded Northerly by high water mark Easterly by a Water Lot granted or to be granted to Gabriel Furman. Westerly by a Water Lot granted or to be granted to Ab[n] Legget & Sout[hly] by East River being 350 ft Width & averaging 330 ft in length, with the usual reservations of Streets agreably to a Map on file in the St Coms[s] office & approved by the Com[n] Council—The arrearages of rent from the time of improvement, to be paid to the 1[st] May next, & that the attorney of the Board be authorized to prepare a Grant accordingly

(Sig[d]) G N Bleecker Comp[r]
S Stilwell St Coms[r]

Which was approved

The Comptroller presented a Report of [180] *of* the Receipts and expenditures of the year 1812 exhibiting also a view of the funds of the Corporation which was referred to the Finance Committee

The Superintendant of Repairs agreably to a recommendation contained in the Report of the Comptroller was directed to make a report with all convenient speed of the Docks and Slips belonging to the Corporation of this City

Alderman Mesier from the Committee to whom was referred the state of the Magazine at the West Battery reported that they had made application to Gen[l] Armstrong on that subject, who had replied to them by Letter assuring them that every proper precaution to guard against accidents had been used, the Letter from Gen[l] Armstrong to Alde[n] Mesier to that effect, was read and ordered to be put upon File

Ordered that a Warrant issue for $200 in payment of the Transparencies [181] prepared and used at the late Dinner in celebration of our naval victories, and that said paintings be considered the property of the Common Council

Resolved that the subject of the commutation of quit rents, be referred to the Council & Comptroller for their consideration to report if any further order or direction is necessary to be given by the Board respecting the same

The Comptroller Reported Cash in the Treasury.....$	
Warrnts not presented.....$	
Ballance	54.724.34

Whereupon His Honor the Mayor was requested to issue Warrants for payment of the following Accounts

Lawrence & Vn Wart Watch.....	498.75
Farrington & White "	621.25
Hays & Bogart "	670.25
Angevine & Hedden "	315.
R Graves Asst St Comsr 1 mo Salv 1 Inst.....	67.50
R Bogardus & other Inspr 4 Wd.....	18.
H Heiser " " 5 "	18.
J Richardson cleang Wells 10th Wd.....	11.75
Do Balc 1 Do & Pump Stanton St.....	45.
Do 1st Instmt " " Mott St.....	95.
[182] Thos & Geo Lovett Acct pavg Front St.....	100.
" " " Beekman Slip.....	100.
Jas Kelly " " Green St.....	80.
" " " Duane St.....	80.
Uzal W Freeman Survg 8th & 10th Avens.....	105.
Wm Stilwell & others Assg 7 Streets.....	213.19
Jno Brower & others " Wells & Pumps in 6 Streets.....	72.
Alex L Stewart Canal St Bond held by Fire Insnc Compy in full.....	12.407.84
Jno McComb Paymaster N C Hall.....	1500.
Richd Furman Supdt A House.....	5000.
	22.022.53
Balance	36.701.81

Adjourned to meet on Thursday next 3 OClock at the City Hotel where a dinner is to be provided for the Crew of the Frigate United States

Adjourned to meet on Monday in the Common Council Chamber

[183] In Common Council Jany 11 1813

present Pierre C Van Wyck Esqr Recorder President

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	John Nitchie
John Vanderbilt	Joseph W Bracket
Charles Dickenson	Augustine H Lawrence
John Morss	Elisha W King
George Buckmaster	Thomas R Smith
Peter H Wendover	Asa Mann
John Pell	William J Waldron
	Wm A Hardenbrook

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

The following person were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engn Compy No 29

James Agnew, Grocer, Thomas St, 8th Wd, Vce J West, enlisted

Certain Resolutions of the Foremen of the Fire Engine Companies regulating the Caps to be worn by Firemen were presented requesting [184] the acquescence of the Common Council therein were read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Letter from Thomas Langdon Collector of Taxes for the Town of Brooklyn was read, stating that there was a Tax due of $24.5\%_{00}$ upon the House belonging to the Corporation at Brooklyn lately destroyed by Fire that he had called upon Benjn Smith the late Tenant who had not paid the same, and praying payment to avoid legal proceedings—Ordered that the Comptroller report a Warrant for pa[y]-ment and that he charge the same to Mr Smith

A Petition of John Ten Broek for stand in the Market at Greenwich was read and referred to the Market Committee

Petitions of John Benson for appointment of assistant of the City Watch, and recommendations in favor of Isaac Myers & Thomas Rich for said Office were read and referred to the Watch Committee

[185] Petitions from P G Stuyvesant and others for opening such part of 13th Street as lies between Stuyvesant Street & Bowery Road, for opening 60 feet on the westerly side of Avenue A and for opening First avenue between 10th & 28th Streets, were read and referred to the Committee on Surveys

A Petition of Joseph George for appointment as Inspector of Wood was read & referred to the Committee on applications

A Petition of William Moore in behalf of the Medical Society of the City and county of New York that a Room may be assigned for the use of said Society in the City Hall was read and referred to the Council with directions to enquire whether the law establishing said society makes it obligatory upon them to meet in the Supreme Court Room and if so that permission be given to assemble therein until the 1st of May next

A Petition for a Pump in New Street was read and referred to the Alden & Assistant of the Ward & St Commissioner to report an [186] ordinance under the prescribed regulations

The Law "to regulate the digging of Vaults in the Streets" was called up and after being read by Paragraphs and the Blanks filled up upon the question of agreing to the same, it passed in the affirmative

A Petition of Robert Lilburn for permission to obstruct the Street for building a Vault in Gold Street, was read, whereupon Resolved that he have permission to erect said Vault upon the terms prescribed by the ordinance passed this evening, & that the same be finished by saturday next

The City Inspector to whom had been referred the petitions of Walter Bowne & Nathaniel Bradford for remission of fines incurred by not complying with an ordinance respecting a nuisance reported in favor of remitting the Fines on payment of costs, which was approved

The Street Commissioner on the petition of Nicholas Lowe reported, that he can see no reasonable objection to the Petition [187] and therefore begs leave to recommend that the prayer thereof be granted

respectfully submitted

(Signed) Sam[l] Stilwell St Coms[r]

The Street Commissioner presented Returns of Delinquents upon the Assessments for Pumps in Stanton Grand & Delancey Streets

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors for collecting of the same

A Letter from the Justices of Police stating that they would make a communication on the subject of the report of the Committee upon the account of Thomas Hazard for taking disorderly persons to Bridewell, was read

The Committee of Police to whom was referred the subject of the imprisonment of Slaves &[c] in Bridewell reported, that in their opinion the ordinance of 6[th] of April 1812 under which such commitment is made should be so amended, that no magistrate should commit any slave except for a limited number of days and that in no case exceeding Sixty at one time and that in cases where commitments continued to be a proper punishment, the same [188] on the expiration of the first period might be extended a certain other number of days not exceeding the limit aforesaid. And also, that on the reasonable application of any person in behalf of any slave so committed, it shall be the duty of the Magistrate who made the commitment from time to time to examine and revise the grounds of the same, on due notice to the owner; And to discharge such Slave, if such commitment shall on such review appear to be an improper or unreasonable punishment

J Warren Brackett
(Signed) Elisha W King
Tho[s] R Smith

Which was approved and the Council was directed to report an Amendment to the ordinance agreably to said Report

The Comptroller made a further Report on the subject of the account of Thomas Hazard which was referred to the Committee on Police

An opinion was received from Mr Harison & Mr Hawes on the subject of the Purchasors [189] of the Hamilton Square Lots which was referred to Mr Lawrence Mr Smith Mr King

The following Resolution on the subject of widening Nassau Street was read & agreed to

Resolved that Nassau Street between Wall Street and Cedar Street be enlarged and improved by taking for that purpose the lands and premises herein after mentioned and removing therefrom all and every the buildings erected and being thereupon which said lands so to be taken are situate and lye firstly between Cedar Street and Pine Street and are there bounded Southeasterly by a line beginning on the Southwesterly side of Cedar Street at a point twenty two feet Southeasterly from Nassau Street and running to a point on the Northeasterly side of Pine Street twenty two feet Southeasterly from Nassau Street. And secondly between Pine Street and Wall Street, and are bounded by a line beginning at the Southwesterly side of Pine Street at a point twenty two feet Southeasterly from Nassau Street and running [190] thence to lands belonging to this Corporation and to a point there eighteen feet southeasterly from Nassau Street and thence to the North corner of a Lot of land now or late belonging to Post & Lawrence and thence along the northeasterly Bounds of that Lot and on the same course to Wall Street aforesaid.

And that the Attorney of this Corporation take measures to have the said improvement made under and by virtue of the act entitled an Act relative to opening laying out and forming and extending enlarging, and otherwise improving Streets avenues Squares and public places in the City of New York passed June 16 1812

The subject of lighting the lamps of the City was referred to the Lamp and Watch Committee to consider and report whether some improvement in that establishment may not be devised

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	58.265.90	
Warrants not presented	1663. 5	
		$56.602.85

[191] Whereupon His Honor the Recorder was requested to issue Warrants for payment of the following Accounts

J Morton 1 Qr Salv C Inspr Clerk 4 & 10 Inst	437.50
S Stilwell " St Comsr 5 Ins & Expenses pd	376.
W M Summers Inspr Bread 1 Qr 9 Inst balc	91.90
F Lynch " " 10 " "	88.20
S Brower 3 Mo Subsn Public Advser 5 Inst	18.75
J Tiebout Stationary St Comsr	26.
B N Lewis & others Inspr Elecn Congr 7. Wd	18.
B Skaats to pay 17 Bell ringers 1 Inst	12.75
A H Lawrence Trear Comtee Transparencies pub Dinner	200.
J Mackay painting & glaizing sundries Sup Reprs	268.84
Wm Stratton Balc Well & Pump in Second St	114.47
Jas Richardson " " Broome St	96.
C Oneil Acct Well & Pump in Christopher St	39.
Matthew Banks blacksmiths Work to Pumps 7th & 10 Wds	66. 9
Stephen Ludlum surveying sundry Streets for Assest to 1 Inst	303.55
John Crow Curbstone in Repavg Maiden Lane	62.78
Saml Borden building Bulk Hd foot of Bayard & Orange St	6.
Thos & Geo Lovett contract for Bulk Head foot Broome St	130.
E Ginnings Supg Lamps 1 Mo to 11 Inst	609.66
Comstock & Sawyer 24 Casks oil payt 8 Inst	2402. 8
Israeal Haviland reprs to Engines from 6 March to 24 Decr 1812	2484.51
Jno McComb Jr Paymaster N C Hall	1500.
Richd Furman Supd Alms House	5000.
	14000. 8
Balance	42250.77

[192] In Common Council Janv 18 1813

present Pierre C Van Wyck Esqr Recorder President

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	John Nitchie
John Vanderbilt	Joseph W Brackett
Charles Dickenson	Augustine H Lawrence
Richard Cunningham	Elisha W King
John Morss	Thomas R Smith
George Buckmaster	Asa Mann
Peter H Wendover	William J Waldron
John Pell	James Palmer

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition from Lewis Martin for remission of fine incurred under sunday law was read and ordered that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

Recommendations in favor of Abraham Hart and Joseph Went-

worth as assistant to Captain of City Watch were read & referred to the Watch Committee

[193] A Recommendation of David Guion for Office of Wood Inspector was read and referred to the Committee on Applications

The City Inspector presented drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 812 to N° 827 which were passed

A Memorial of the Trustees of the African Free School representing that the Lots of ground generously granted to them by the Common Council were found too small for the contemplated Buildings and praying a grant of other Lots in lieu of those given to them was read and ordered to be referred to M^r^ Brackett Alde^n^ Cunningham Alde^n^ Vanderbilt

A Petition of sundry Guagers of the City representing that they have been frequently applied to, to measure goods in Bales but not considering themselves authorized by any law to do it they have declined performing the service, but they are of opinion that it would be useful that authority should be given for that purpose

[194] Ordered that it be referred to Alde^n^ Vanderbilt M^r^ Smith Alde^n^ Mesier

The Council laid before the Board a Grant for a Water Lot on the East River in the 7^th^ Ward to John Gardner and one other grant for a Water Lot on the East River in the said ward to Thomas and John Gardner prepared in conformity with the Reports of the Street Commissioner and Comptroller on the subject and in pursuance of the Resolutions of the Board—Whereupon Ordered that the same be duly executed

Petitions of Samuel Piercy and Joseph D Palmer for Stalls in Washington Market, and of John Fash for stall in Greenwich Market, were read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Jacob Barker praying remission of penalties incurred by not reporting Passengers in the Ship Lady Madison, was read and Resolved that [195] petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition and ordered that the Council of the Board be authorised to stay execution in the suit against Jacob Barker for the above penalties until the 2^d^ of February next

A Petition of James J Ayers praying to be releived from an Assessment for a Pump in Mott Street, was read and Ordered that petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A Memorial from Anthony L Bleecker was read offering to cede a piec[e] of ground for the purpose of continuing Crosby St to

Bleecker St, which was directed to be referred to the Street Commissioner and Council

A Memorial of Gilbert Van Mater praying a further compensation than has been awarded to him by the Arbitrators for his buildings at Brooklyn was read and ordered to lie on the table

A Petition of Jasper E Ruckle to be appointed a Measurer with accompanying recommendations were read and the prayer of [196] the petioner granted

A Petition of Aaron Williams and Henry Marsh praying that the Flag Staff at the Battery may be rented to them was read and referred to the following who were appointed a Committee to take charge of the Battery for the preseent year, and to whom was committed the renting of the Flag Staff as mentioned in the report of the Finance Committee this evening

Committee were Alder^{n} Mesier M^{r} Nitchie Alde^{n} Vanderbilt

A Petition from the general Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of this City was read stating that the Funds of the said Society being more than sufficient to meet the ordinary exigencies of the Society in the relief of distressed Mechanics they have determined to apply a part of their funds in erecting and establishing a Charity School for the education of the Children of poor Mechanics and to aid them in that laudable undertaking they request from the Corporation [197] the gift of a Lot of ground whereon to erect a School House—Ordered that the same be referred to M^{r} Brackett Alde^{n} Cunningham Alde^{n} Vanderbilt

A Communication from the Justices of Police on the subject of the late Report of the Police Committee on the Account of Thomas Hazard was read and referred to the Police Committee

The Market Committee on the Petitions of sundry Butchers for stands in Greenwich Market reported, that they recommend that a license for a stall in the new Greenwich Market be granted to the following Butchers viz. James Reeves—Adam Tenbroeck—Frederick Glasshorne—Adam Fink Georg Patten and John Tenbroeck, and that previous to taking possession thereof they shall ascertain by Lot who shall be entitled to the first choice who to the second, and so on till the six grantees are accommodated subject to such rents and restrictions as shall be from time to time imposed by the Corporation—All which is submitted

Signed Peter Mesier
P H Wendover
John Pell

[198] The same Committee on the Petition of Daniel Tier for Stall N° 35 Fly Market reported in favor of granting the prayer of Petitioner, which was agreed to

The following Report from the Finance [Committee] on the subject of the Sale of certain Corporation property was read and agreed to

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the annual Report of the Comptroller on the 4th Inst Respectfully report That in their opinion it would be proper for the Corporation to dispose of the following property at auction at the Tontine Coffee House on Thursday the 28th Inst. Viz—3 Lots of Ground at the site of the old City Hall fronting on Wall Street

7 Lots of ground on Greenwich St on part of which the Hudson Market now stands

5 Lots of ground on Chamber Chatham, Augustus & Duane Streets of various dimensions

28 Collect Lots between *between* Anthony and sugar loaf Streets

Several Lots of ground at Brooklyn [199] on Main and Water Streets, near the Ferry on a lease of 21 Years from the 1st of May next together with the materials of the stone House destroyed by fire, subject to the restrictions as to Buildings contained in the Report of the Ferry Committee &c on the 9th Nov ult

The lease of the Watch House & Lot of ground at Chatham Street park 7 years from the 1st of May next

Also the upper part of the new Watch House in Third Street for 5 Years from the 1st May next possession may be given immediately

The Cellar under Duane Market for 3 Years from the 1st May next

The Flag staff at the Battery will be let from the 1st April next in such manner as the Board may determine

Augus H Laurence
J Nitchie
(Signed) Peter Mesier
John Pell
James Palmer

The Comptroller on the account of the Superintendant of Repairs Reported [200] That he has examined the account of Jacob P Roome Supd of Reprs on the 8th July last there was a balance of $73.82 due the Corporation. he has received from that time to the 31 December last $3500 making together $8573.82 and has expended on the public Account agreably to vouchers produced $8642.91 leaving a balance due the Superintendant of $69.9 which Amount it is respectfully recom-

mended to pay by warrant, being a settlement of accounts to the 1st Instant

(Signed) G N Bleecker Comptr

Which was read and a Warrant ordered to be issued for payment of the Ballance

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Eng. Compy No 6

Christian Dederer Jr Acctnt Washington St 3 Wd Vce R Pettit resg

No 37

H Owens Butcher 3 St 10 Wd V Wm Sherwood resgd

Frederick Castine Rope Maker Norfolk 10 Wd Vc Wm Butler resd

[201] The following Resolution was presented by Alden Wendover —Resolved that the Committee appointed to lease the Flag Staff be directed to stipulate with the Lessee that nothing shall be sold at that place on the first day of the Week called Sunday—A division having been called thereon it passed in the negative as follows

Negative Alden Morss. Mesier. Mr Brackett—Lawrence King—Smith. Waldron—Palmer—8

Affirmative Alden Vanderbilt Dickenson Cunningham Buckmaster Wendover—Pell—Mr Nitchie .7

Resolved that ———— be a Committee to enquire into the number of persons holding appointments under and connected with this Board their duties and their compensations, and the manner in which those duties are performed, to enquire whether any offices ought to be abolished as unnecessary and to report on these subjects and all matters concerning them to this Board as soon as practicable—Which was agreed to and Mr King—Mr Nitchie Alden Wendover Mr Waldron & Mr Palmer were appointed the said Committee

[202] It was referred to the Council to report Ordinances for correction of certain mischevous practices of Idle boys in throwing Snow Balls &c &c

The following Resolution was presented and agreed to. Resolved that the Comptroller Report as soon as practicable to this Board an Exhibit of the real estate belonging to this Corporation. and stating the present situation of the same

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	54014.90
Warrants not presented	4335.40
	49.679.50

Whereupon Warrants were issued for the following Accounts

Lawrence & Vn Wart Watch	498.75
Farrington & White "	621.25
Hays & Bogart "	670.25
Angevine & Hedden "	315.
Thomas Langdon Tax due on House occupied by Benjn Smith at Brooklyn	34.50
Charles Holt 6 Mo Subscripn to Columbian 1 Inst	37.50
Saml Nichols New Lamps Stoves & Pipes for New City Hall	
[203] James Jenkins Iron work for public Buildings to 8th Inst	114.52
Luke Torboss painting & glazing from 14 Decr 1811 to 31 Decr 1812	603.08
George Collis repairing Pumps 4 & 6th Wards from 24 Jany to 19 Inst 1 m	59.80
Archd Smith repairing in Wall St & Beekman Slip	5.
Jacob P Roome Supdt Reprs to pay Accts	600.
R Furman Treasr Washington Market	2000.
J P Roome Balc Acct 1 Inst	69. 9
	5888.80
Balance	43790.30

[204] In Common Council Jany 25 1813

Present Pierre C Van Wyck Esqr Recorder President

A Sufficient number not appearing to form a Quorum The President adjourned the Board of Monday 1 Feby next

In Common Council Feby 1st 1813

present Pierre C Van Wyck Esqr Recorder President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
John Vanderbilt Jr		Joseph W Brackett	
Charles Dickenson		Elisha W King	
Richard Cunningham		Thomas R Smith	
John Morss		Asa Mann	
George Buckmaster		Wm J Waldron	
Peter H. Wendover		Wm A Hardenbrook	
John Pell		James Palmer	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

[205] Upon the Representation of Fire Engine Company No 25 It was resolved that one more Member be added to said Company

A Petition from John Scott for Stall No 42 Hudson Market, and from John Redman for Stand No 36 Fly market, were read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Paul Vidal stating that ignorant of the Law passed in June last restraining the erection of wooden Buildings within certain limits, he commenced a wooden Building corner of Banker and Pearl Street but as he is desirous of complying with the Law, he prayed that no proceedings might be had against him until the Season would permit of Mason Work, when he engaged to take down the wooden materials and in their place erect such as would be secure against fire. Ordered that all proceedings on the fact of this Board be staid until the first of May next

A Petition from Benjamin S Judah and Isaac Gomez Junr in behalf of the Trustees of the Society of Sheerith Israel was read, [206] stating that agreably to the Jewish Laws it is not lawful for a Jew to eat of the flesh *of the Flesh* of any animal unless killed, inspected and sealed by certain persons called Shohets duly authorized by the Trustees of the Synagogue that certain persons unauthorized by their Trustees had taken upon them the office of Shohet and they prayed the interference of the Common Council to prevent such impositions.

Whereupon an Ordinance was passed entitled "an ordinance to prevent imposition in the sale of Jews meat in the public Markets

A Petition from Samuel Pierce for remission of fine incurred by selling meat out of the regular Market was read. And Resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A Petition of Thomas Stagg was read stating that himself and others had at their individual expense erected the Market called Hudson Market. That understanding the Corporation was [207] about selling the property owned by them near the Market and also were about removing the Market he prayed that the sale might be delayed until compensation was made to Petitioner and those concerned with him. Ordered to be referred to the Comptroller

Petitions from William Orr William Ogden John R Murray John J Astor Benjamin Ferris and Henry Rankin were read stating, That having been ordered to make Washington Street in the rear of their Lots they request to know upon what terms the right to the land under water below high water mark will be granted to them. Ordered that the same be referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of William Fairbairn for appo[i]ntment of Wood Inspector and John McCroft for appointment of Keeper of Potters Field were read and referred to the Committee on Applications

A Letter was received from Cornelius C Van Allen requesting payment of principal and Interest of a Bond due to the Estate of the late

Cornelius Clopper—Ordered to be referred to the Finance Committee & Comptroller

[208] A Memorial of the Trustees of the Third associate reformed Church praying the removal of a Pump standing in the middle of Murray Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward

A Petition of stephen Wileman praying remission of a fine incurred by selling liquor (thro ignorance of the Law) at a place different from that for which he had obtained license was read and granted on payment of costs

An application from Abraham Hart and from Hathaway and McLaughlin for renting of the Flag Staff was read & referred to the Battery Committee

A Petition of Mary Smith praying on account of her poverty that a licence as a pawn-Broker might be given to her gratis was read, and ordered that Petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition

A Communication was made by the Assistant City Inspector that the privies [209] of the Debtors goal required to be dug anew.

Whereupon the Superintendant of repairs was directed to [order] it to be done

A Letter from Rodman Bown Lessee of Ferry at Brooklyn was read stating that the Slip was so filled in that boats could not come to the Stairs at low water and recommending that a pier be run out—this he offered to do at his own expense on receiving an extension of his lease for the Ferry—Ordered to be referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of Jonas Humbert for payment of 3 Barrels of superfine Flour delivered at the Alms House in the Year 1808 was read and referred to the Superintendant of the Alms House to examine & Report on

A Remonstrance from sundry Measurers of Lumber against the petition lately presented by certain guagers was read and referred to the Committee to whom the petition was referred

Viz Alden Vanderbilt. Mesier & Mr Smith

A Memorial of John Johnson praying [210] remission of a fine for not filling in a certain lot in Lawrence Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner with directions to state the reasons why a report has not been made on a former refference of this subject to him

A Letter was received from the police Magistrates stating that the public good frequently required the publishing in the gazettes certain

notices and praying to be permitted to insert the same in the Gazettes employed by the Bo[a]rd

Ordered to be referred to the Committee on Police

A Letter was received from Jacob Barker apologising for the alledged want of respect in his former communication which was read and ordered to be filed

And it was ordered that the subject of his application respecting the judgment obtained against him for not reporting passengers in the Lady Madison be referred to the Council of the Board. and that until his report thereon all further proceedings on said judgment be staid.

[211] The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for a Well and Pump in Christopher Street, which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in New Street which was passed and George Ireland William Stilwell & John Brown were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner presented returns of Delinquents on Assessments for Wells in Broome St and in Second Street. Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued to the Collectors for collection of the same

A Memorial from the Trustees of the First Congregational Presbyterian Church praying the Corporation to grant them the vacant piece of ground called chatham Square to erect a church upon was read and referred to Alden Cunningham Alden Dickenson Alden Buckmaster

Upon the Report of the Attorney penalties [212] were remitted upon the usual terms to Captns Hagberg & Eldridge for not reporting passengers

The following persons were appointed Fireme[n] the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engn Compy No 7

Jas R Mount, Mercht, 51 Ferry, St 4th Wd, Vc, Stepn Barker, resgd

Moses Lafetra, Pewterer, 7 Beekman, St 2 Wd, V Benj Birdsale, Do

No 16

Aaron Smith, Mercht, Bd Way, 3d Wd, Vce, Jas Roberts, Do

James Magee, Grocer, Wm St, 2d Wd, vc Peter Wright, Do

No 26

John Buckley, Shipwright, Lombd St, 7 Wd, Vc R Brooks, Deceased

Joseph Cheeseman, Mercht, 41 Bancker, St 4 Wd, Vce J Carpenter, absent

No 33

Stephen White, Cartman, Grand St, 7th Wd, Vce, Jos Smith resgd

The Council reported leases between the Corporation and Robert Fulton & William Cutting for running Steam Boats across the East River from Fly Market & Burling Slip which having been executed on their part were directed to be duly executed on the part of the Corporation

The Council also reported the Draft of [213] a Memorial to the Legislature agreably to the terms of the lease aforesaid for leave to encrease the rate of ferriage in said Steam Boats with a Bill corresponding therewith to be enacted into a law, which were approved and directed to be engrossed and forwarded to his Honor the Mayor now attending the Sessions of the Legislature at Albany

The Award of the Arbitrators in the case between the Corporation and Gilbert Van Mater was presented and upon being read was directed to be carried into execution on the part of this Corporation

The Memorial of Gilbert Van Mater presented at the last Meeting was called up and on the Motion to refer the same to a Committee, it passed in the negative.

The following Resolution was presented by Alder[n] Mesier and agreed to

Resolved that the Committee of defence be directed to take under consideration and to report such measures to this Board at their next Meeting as in their opinion may appear best calculated to bring into action those plans [214] of Defence which in the opinion of judicious Men are yet in our power

Upon the request of the police Committee they were authorized to amend their report on the subject of imprisonment of Slaves in Bridewell and the Council was directed to delay reporting amendments to the Ordinance until the further report of the said Committee

Ordered that the Comptroller delay making demands of Rent for the Hay scales at Gouverneur's Slip until the further order of the Board

Ordered that a Warrant issue for Five Thousand Dollars in favor of Richard Furman as Treasurer of the N, A, House,

The request of Isaac L Kip Deputy register of the Court of Chancery that a room might be assigned to him for the safe keeping of the public papers belonging to his office, was taken into consideration and resolved that the room adjoining that set apart for [215] the sittings

of the Court of Chancery be assigned as the office of the deputy register of said Court

A Member stating that he had to propose business of a confidential nature, the room was cleared of spectators & the doors closed

The Committee on the Petition of the Trustees of the Mechanics Society and of the African Free School presented a report the consideration of which was postponed

Ordered that the Committee on the Inclenburgh property be authorized to lease for one year the Inclenburgh Lots

Ordered that the Council and Comptroller be requested to attend the sale of the *of the* premises mortgaged by Sam[l] L Page and if they deem it advisable to bid at such Sale so as to secure the whole or part of the Sum due from said Page to this Corporation

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	28154.41

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be [216] issued for payment of the followin[g] Accounts

Lawrence & V[n] Wart Watch	498.75
Farrington & White D[o]	621.25
Hays & Bogart D[o]	670.25
Angevine & Hedden D[o]	315.
D S Jones 1 Year Sal[y] Council 20 Jan[y] 1813	500.
J Hardie Ass[t] City Insp[r] 1 Mo Sal[y] 1 Inst	62.50
B Hicks " " "	52.
M Hicks Deputy St Commis[r] "	52.
A B Holmes " " "	52.
S Green " " "	52.
W P Roome keeper Potters Field	46.50
Bleecker & Bibby selling Corporation property at Auction April & May	158.
Hardcastle & V[n] Pelt printing 3 Mo 1 Inst	115.
S Stephens Stationary Journal for City Stock from 22 July to 1 Inst.	32.56
W[m] Bridges 40 Maps & 3 to Coms[rs]	474.50
Hathaway & M[c]Laughlin repairs to Battery Flag Staff & Bowling Green	75.68
Saltus Son & Co Cordage for Signal Poles	8.
Tho[s] Mingus Blacksmiths Work for Sup[dt] of repairs to 20 Jan[y] 1813	34.25
Ja[s] Richardson Well & Pump in Mott St	99.
D Stilwell repairing Pumps 4 & 6 W[ds]	66.
S Wheeler & other Assessors 7 Wells & pumps	84.50
W[m] Stilwell & other Assessors Well & Pump Mott St	12.
[217] S Wheeler & other Assessors Well & pump in Gouverneur Street	12.
C Oneil repairing Well 8[th] W[d]	11.50
J Kelly paving Duane St Bal[c]	117. 1
" " Green St "	108.81

A Corning surveying sundries & maps for St Comsr 1 Year to Jany 1813	107.22
Jas Kelly Ballance repaving Maiden Lane	105. 1
J M Mulligan 1 Year Int on Bond 22 Decr 1812 assigned	120.
W Fish to Dividend on City Stock 1 Febr 1813	10000.
J McComb Jr for New City Hall	4000.
Richd Furman Tr N A House	5000.
	$23663.29
Balance	4491.12

[218] In Common Council Feby 8th 1813

Present Pierre C Van Wyck Esqr Recorder President

Aldermen	Assistants
John Vanderbilt Jr	John Nitchie
Charles Dickenson	Joseph W Brackett
Richard Cunningham	Josiah Hedden
John Morss	Elisha W King
George Buckmaster	Thomas R Smith
Peter H Wendover	Asa Mann
Nicholas Fish	Wm J Waldron
John Pell	Wm A Hardenbrook
	James Palmer
	Augustin H Lawrence

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

Petitions from Willard & Morgan and from James Overton praying remission of fines incurred under the Sunday law were read and ordered that on payment of costs, proceedings on the judgment be staid until the further order of the Board

[219] The Council presented a Deed to Alexander Thompson for a Lot in Chamber Street sold on 28th Jany last and also a lease to David Munson for Watch House corner of Chatham and Division Street leased on the 28th January last. Which were ordered to be executed on the part of this Corporation

The City Inspector presented drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from No 827 to 871 which were ordered to be passed

An application of Henry B Moore for renting of the Flag Staff was read and referred to the Battery Committee

A Letter from Gideon Hawley Superintendant of Common Schools

addressed to Garrit Gilbert Clerk of the City stating that the distribution of the Interest of the School fund money will be made, but that until an amendment was made in the law on the subject, the proportion of the City cannot be distributed, was read and referred to Alde^{n} Mesier M^{r} Brackett M^{r} Nitchie

[220] A Petition from sundry Inhabitants for the establishment of a Fire Engine in the vicinity of Manhattan Island was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department and Chief Engineer

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Eng^{n} Comp^{y}
N^{o} 39

Tho^{s} Tooker, Grocer, 32 Vesey, 3^{d} W^{d}, Vce C W Floyd, removed

Cha^{s} Trinder, Builder, 3. Pine, 1 W^{d}, Vce, Tho^{s} A Stanford resg^{d}

A Petition of William Thompson for payment of stone furnished to Charles Lee contractor for a pump in Carmine Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of John Cunningham for appointment as a Measurer of grain &^{c} was read and granted

A Petition from Philip Ferris holding stand N^{o} 38 Hudson Market and of William Lawrence holding a stand in the temporary market near the arsenal praying [221] permission to exchange the stalls was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Memorial from the Trustees of a Society for supporting the gospel among the poor requesting the aid of the Corporation in obtaining the visitation of Ministers of the gospel to the public Establishments under the controul of the Corporation was read and referred to Alde^{n} Cunningham Mr Brackett M^{r} Nitchie

A Memorial of Sampson Simpson and others Members of the Congregation of Sheareth Israel praying the repeal of the Ordinance passed at the last Meeting of the Board "preventing imposition in the sale of Jews meat in the public market" was read Whereupon Resolved that the Ordinance be repealed

It was then moved that the whole subject be referred to a special Committee the question being taken thereon and a Division being called, the Members voted as follows

Affirmative. Alde^{n} Wendover—Morss—[222] Vanderbilt—Buckmaster—M^{rs} Brackett Waldron—Mann—King—Palmer—9.

Negative Alde^{n} Mesier. Cunningham Fish—Dickenson, Pell—Mess^{rs} Nitchie Hardenbrook. Smith—Lawrence—9.

The Board being equally divided the Recorder gave his casting vote in the negative

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants praying the Establishment of a Ferry at Spring Street Basin to Harsimus Hoboken and Wehawk was read and referred to the Ferry Committee

A Petition from John Green praying if said Ferry is established. that he may be permitted to keep the same was read and referred to the same Committee

A Petition from Elbert Anderson and Theodorus Bailey praying payment of Assessment for ground taken to open Magazine Street and that the rent at which the gore of land remaining after the widening of the Street is to be fixed may be ascertained

Ordered to lie on the Table

[223] The Superintendant of the Alms House to whom had been referred the petition of Jonas Humbert Junr reported, That he has examined the Books and vouchers, during the period William Mooney was Superintendant of the Alms House, Subsequent to the date of the account, and does not find any evidence of its being paid

To the delivery of the Flour he has no knowledge but what he derives from the Certificate annexed to the petition but has no reason to doubt the truth of it

(signed) Rd Furman

Whereupon Resolved, that upon Affidavits being given by J Humbert & W Mooney of the correctness of the said accts. that the Comptroller report Warrants for payment of the same

Upon the Report of the Attorney a fine was remitted upon the usual terms to Captain Brown for not reporting passengers

The Attorney to whom the case of Jacob Barker had been referred reported

That in consequence of the direction of the Common Council at their last meeting he has caused enquiry to be made to ascertain whether Mr Barker can make the necessary Report of the passengers brought to this port in april last in the Ship Lady [224] Madison

Mr Barker last week communicated to the Council the list of passengers which he had obtained at the Custom House; but that list does not contain the names of any persons under the age of twelve years, nor does it specify the country to which the passengers owe allegiance; it is evidently therefore insufficient to enable the parties to give bond for the passengers in the ordinary form

The Council however respectfully submits to the Board that a special Bond of indemnity may be prepared upon this list and the information which may be obtained from a deposition of Mr Barker as to other passengers not named in this list, which Bond will probably be as effectual as tho' the regular report had been made and Sworn to by the Captain, and the Bond given upon that

(Signed) D S Jones

Whereupon Resolved that a special Bond be prepared by the Attorney agreably to said report and be executed by Jacob Barker [225] and Securities and reported to this Board, & that all further proceedings be stayed.

The Canal Committee on the Petition of Otis Taft reported, That from the best information they can obtain the facts stated by him are substantially correct that at the time the ground was taken from his lot by the Commissioners it was verbally agreed between T Duggan and Otis Taft that the latter should have from the former the same quantity of ground in the rear of his lot as that taken from the front—but that in consequence of T Duggan mortgaging his property Otis Taft is not willing to conform to the contemplated arrangement, and that T Duggan consents to the proposition contained in the petition of Otis Taft

Your committee after diligent search have not been able to find the document from which the number of feet and the sum referred to are taken but are of opinion that it is equitable the prayer of the petition should be granted, and therefore recommend that the Comptroller be directed on ascertaining the sum allowed T Duggan for the [226] ground taken from said Lot to charge the same to T Duggan and place it to the credit of Otis Taft to be deducted from his Assessment for Canal Street on Thomas Duggan giving his written consent for that purpose

P H Wendover
(Signed) J Nitchie
Thos R Smith
Wm A Hardenbrook

Which was agreed to.

The Comptroller on the petition of Thomas Stagg reported. That it appears from the Minutes of the 19th augst 1771 that it was resolved and ordered by this board that if a Market be erected by the neighbourhood at the place now agreed upon that the same do not exceed 210 Feet in length, and 30 feet in Breadth; That a stone

foundation be laid under the whole and that the building of the same be under the entire direction of this Board"

The Market was built on the ground belonging to the Corporation and as the petitioner asserts that himself and sundry neighbours joined in erecting [227] the said Market which cost them upwards of five hundred pounds, there is no reason to doubt the fact as stated. From information derived from respectable sources, it was generally the practice in former times, for individuals to contribute towards making public Markets, Thereby to encrease the value of adjacent property, as well as to obtain other benefits accruing from such establishments.

In a recent conversation with an old Inhabitant in the vicinity of the Hudson Market, he mentioned, that shortly after the close of the Revolutionary war the above mentioned Market was in a state of decay and almost useless, that himself and others contributed to its repair, but that he did not expect the corporation were to make indemnification—as a large convenient and ornamental Market is erecting near the River, in the vicinity of the present one, as the benefits derived in the space of forty years have probably equalled the advantages ever contemplated by the first contributors, as the precedent once made of refunding to Individuals their voluntary donations on similar occasions [228] would open the door for a great number of ancient claims, and be the sou[r]ce of much difficulty and embarrassment, and as there does not appear to be any obligation on the part of the Corporation, either expressed or implied, to continue a Market on the same spot forever—the subscriber can see no just reason for complying with the request of the Petitioner. The Lots have already been sold, altho' this circumstance should have no effect on the merrits of the question

respectfully submitted

(Signed) G N Bleecker Compr

Which was agreed to

The following report of the Sales of Corporation property was presented by the Comptroller and ordered to be filed

Lot No 2	Wall St	Thos Kirk	.....	$9350	
" " 3	"	G Storm	.....	8200	
" " 4	"	Geo Griswold	.....	7950	
					25.500
" " 1	Greenwich St	A Hunt	.....	8250	
" " 2	"	"	.....	4550	
" " 3	"	J Graham	.....	3700	
" " 4	"	J Vn Orden	.....	4450	

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Lot N° 5	Greenwich St	J Berry	3850		
" " 6	"	Wm Roe	4200		
" " 7	"	"	5050		
					34.050
" " 1	Chamber St	E Anderson	4000		
" " 2	"	Wm Al Burtis	3500		
" " 3	"	E Anderson	1850		
" " 4	"	A Thompson	2450		
" " 5	Duane St	Wm Al Burtis	2000		
					13800
Store & Materials Buildings consumed by Fire at Brooklyn F Everite					360
					$73710
Lease Watch House Chatham St 7. Years fr 1 May next D Munson at					300
Upper part Watch House 3d Street 5 Years frm 1 May next A Hart. at					110

Brooklyn Lots leased for 21 Years fr 1 May next

N° 1	J Schenck	at	70	
" 2	Wm Willetts	"	60	
" 3	Do	"	60	
" 4	"	"	100	
" 5	J Gildersleve	"	150	
" 6	Wm Willetts	"	100	
" 7	G Vn Mater	"	145	
" 8	"	"	170	
12	B Striker	"	80	
				$935

Signed G N Bleecker Compr

[230] The Council agreably to directions formerly given to him, reported a revision of the laws of the State which relate to this City. Whereupon he was directed to forward the same to the persons appointed to revise the laws of the State

The following amendment to the law for the prevention of Fires &c was presented by Mr King & enacted

"and be it further ordained that it shall and may be lawful for the collector of the said incorporated Fire Department for the time being to prosecute for and recover all forfeitures and penalties incurred by any person or persons, in virtue of the 11th Section of the ordinance hereby amended, in the name of the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, and pay the sums by him recovered to the Chief Engineer in manner as required by the said ordinance

In the Section after the word chimney insert " Stove pipes or Flues."

The Committee of Defence agreably to the resolution of the Board

at the last [231] Meeting reported that they had taken the subject referred to them into consideration and that in their opinion it would be proper to present a Memorial to the Legislature requesting them to appropriate a certain Sum to be placed in the hands of Commissioners to be appointed and to be by them applied to purposes of defence of this City. They also presented a draft of a Memorial which having been read as follows, was agreed to.

To the Hon^{l} the Legislature of the State of New York in Senate and assembly convened. The Memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, respectfully sheweth

That your Memorialists, being constituted the guardians of the property and lives of the Citizens of this great City, would be unfaithful to their important charge, did they neglect any step, which would be calculated to render them as secure as human foresight and power, under present circumstances, can make them

Altho' considerable sums of money have been expended, both by the general and State [232] government, in Fortifications for the protection of this City against the invasion of a foreign Enemy; yet in their opinion, many more defences might be constructed at different points, which would be eminently calculated to repel the efforts of assailants, insure its safety and tranquilize the minds of the Citizens; who as long as the war lasts, must be under continual apprehension from the naval forces of our powerful Ene*n*emy

They therefore respectfully solicit your honorable body to pass a law, vesting in certain discreet commissioners, the sum of 250 000 Dollars, to be expended by them in the ereection of such works and the procuring of such provisions and munitions of war, as in their judgment, and the judgment of such discreet and scientific men as they may consult, may be calculated most readily to protect the Port and Harbour of New-York from attack, and to prevent the immense property contained in this City, and the lives of its citizens from being destroyed

Your memorialists think it unnecessary to enter into any detailed remarks, to enforce the propriety of protection being extended [233] by the state at large, to their chief City. to the emporium of their Commerce, to the mart for all the productions of their industry, to the fountain from which wealth and prosperity are flowing in in numberless streams to every part of the State; nor is it necessary for them to prove to you the distress which must pervade the whole, should this City by the neglect of any precaution fall into the tem-

porary possession of the enemy or be destroyed by their violence. They feel a confidence that the importance of this application is justly felt by every member of your Body; that it cannot but be admitted that if the head suffer every member must suffer with it; and that your honorable body need only be informed of the necessity of the measure suggested, cheerfully to comply with the request, and promptly to authorise the sum deemed prudent to be appropriated.

And as in duty bound they will ever pray &c

It was also recommended that the Committee of defence take measures for procuring the signatures of the Citizens of this place recommending the said [234] Memorial to the consideration of the Legislature—The Memorial was directed to be engrossed and to be forwarded to his honor the Mayor now attending the session of the Legislature at Albany.

Resolved that the council be directed to prepare a Memorial and Bill to the Legislature to authorize the Mayor Aldermen &c to raise money by Tax for the expenses of the City for the current year.

Ordered that the Council immediately take legal measures on the subject of the removal of the Store owned by David Lydigg agreably to a former Resolution of the Board

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	70.074.71
Warrants not presented	11674.95
	60399.76

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

[235] R Graves Asst St Comsr 1 Mo Saly 1 Inst	65.
J Hays H Consl 1 Qr Saly 11 Inst	200.
H Brush repg Pumps 7 & 10 Wds	101.75
J Hancock " " 2 " 3d "	9. 2
C Oneil repg Wells 10 Wd	19.50
Thos & Geo Lovett balc repavg Front St & Balc on Beekman Slip	197.79
Charles Holt advertig Assts Sts 1812	14.94
C Dickenson Bond & Intst full 9th Inst	10.703.89
C Vn Allen Exr Estate C Clopper " "	1259.20
Thos Barfe Asse Bond to Miller Son & M full	547.74
Geo Taylor Jr & N Allen Arbitrators Corporation & G Van Mater one half	35.
Richard Furman Supdt A House	5000.
	18,153.83
Balance	42.245.93

[236] In Common Council Feb^{y} 15 1813
present Pierre C Van Wyck Esq^{r} Recorder President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
Charles Dickenson		Joseph W Brackett	
Richard Cunningham		Augustine H Lawrence	
John Morss		Thomas R Smith	
George Buckmaster		Josiah Hedden	
Peter H Wendover		Asa Mann	
Nicholas Fish		Wm J Waldron	
John Pell		Wm A Hardenbrook	
		James Palmer	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Memorial of sundry Inhabitants of Brooklyn remonstrating against any increase of the rate of Ferriage at the Ferry from the City to Brooklyn as proposed in the lease to Mess^{rs} Cutting and Fulton and offering to establish a Ferry by steam Boats in which the rates shall not be encreased. Ordered to be referred to the Ferry Committee.

[237] A Remonstrance of sundry Inhabitants of Greenwich village against removing the Ferry from De Clines dock to spring Street Basin was read and referred to the Ferry Committee

A Petition of Garrit Storm and George Griswold was read stating that they were purchasors at the late Sale of Lots N^{o} 3 & 4 of the ground on which the old City Hall stood that they have agreed with Eastburn Kirk & Co. who purchased at said Sale Lot N^{o} 2 and they pray that the Deeds from the Corporation to the purchasors may be made in conformity with said agreement—Ordered to be referred to the Council Street Commissioner and Comptroller to cause the conveyances to be made agreably to the prayer of Petitioners

A Remonstrance of sundry Inhabitants in the vicinity of Chatham St Park against granting the petition of the Trustees of the First congregational Church was read and referred to the Committee upon said Petition Viz Alde^{n} Cunningham, Dickenson, Buckmaster,

[238] A Petition from the Fire Wardens of the 5 Ward that Henry M Ludlum may be appointed Fire Warden of said Ward in place of Stephen L Rich and a Memorial of the Fire Wardens of the Sixth Ward praying that William Janeway may be appointed a Fire Warden of said Ward in place of Leonard Seaman who had repeatedly refused a Compliance with the Bye laws and regulations of the said Department. were read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Memorial from Fire Engine Company N° 39 praying an additional number of Men to be attached to said Company, & a Petition of Hook and Ladder Company N° 2 praying an enlargement of the Building for containing their Implements were read and referred to the Committee on the Fire department and Chief Engineer

A Further petition from Peter G Stuyvesant on the subject of a water grant to him and complaining of the terms proposed by the Comptroller for said [239] Grants was referred to Alde^{n} Mesier M^{r} Nitchie Alde^{n} Pell

A Petition of Benjamin Stratton to be appointed a measurer of grain &^{c} was read and granted

A representation from Joseph Burjeau that the Staves of the City Marshals required to be painted anew, was referred to the Sup^{dt} of Repairs to cause such to be painted as required it

A Memorial of the Trustees of the congregation of Shaerith Israel explanatory of their former Memorial was read

Ordered that they have leave to withdraw their Memorial

A Petition of John Jackson requesting time until the 1st of May next for payment of a judgment recovered against him for quit rent due was read and granted on payment of Interest until that time

[240] The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Eng^{r} certifying the vacancies

F Eng^{n} Comp^{y} N° 34

Isaac Lourada, Boar^{d} House 152 Fly Market 2 W^{d}

Vc L Phyfe res^{gd}

N° 31

George Cooper. Mason. Grand St 8 W^{d} V M Westerfield D°

A Memorial was received from Joseph D Fay stating that he was entitled as nominee of Ephraim Hart to receive from the Corporation a Deed for Lot N° 90 Leonard Street that having sold the same to Richard Riker he prayed a deed might be made to said Riker on his making the payments due thereon

Ordered that the same be referred to the Council with authority (if in his opin[in]ion legal) to comply with the prayer of the petitioner

The Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward to whom was referred the Petition of the Trustees of the 3^{d} associate reformed Church praying the removal of a Pump in Murray Street, Reported that in their opinion the Superintendant of repairs should be directed to remove [241] the same to the side Walk on the south side of the Street. which was agreed to.

The Superintendant of Repairs was also directed to take orders for the removal of the pumps in Maiden Lane and Robinson Street to the side walks in said Streets

The police Committee to whom was referred the subject of the imprisonment of Slaves in Bridewell reported as follows

The Committee on police to whom was referred the subject of imprisonment of Slaves in Bridewell having had leave to amend their Report anew, respectfully represent that in their opinion the ordinance of the 6th April 1812 in relation to Slaves in the City of New York "should be so amended that the Keeper of the City Prison or Bridewell should not be at liberty to detain any slave, committed on the application of his or her master or Mistress for more than Sixty Days on the same committment. And that the sum due for the support of any Slave so committed should be paid at the expiration of thirty days from the time of [242] commitment, or at other shorter period, if required by the Superintendant of the Alms House, and that in default thereof he or she should be forthwith discharged

(Signed) J Warren Brackett, Thos R Smith, James Palmer, Josiah Hedden } Committee

Which was agreed to and the Council was directed to report an amendment agreably thereto

The same Committee to whom was referred the Account of Thomas Hazard reported. that of the 880 cases contained in the account, 221 have been paid and that 659 the residue, in the opinion of the Committee, are justly due and ought to be paid

After attentively considering and examining the subject, they find no reason of censure against any person in particular; And as to Mr Hazard they are convinced there is no blame attributable to him: as he appears to have made up his account accurately [243] from the documents before him

To guard against such inaccuracy in future, the Committee beg leave to recommend that the account should be kept at the City prison, as heretofore in a Book devoted to the purpose: and that previous to payment it should be examined by the Register kept in the police office, and be certified by the Clerk as correct

In some measure to diminish the number of cases of such commitments your committee would recommend that when any person is

apprehended or brought before the police Magistrates, by a Watchman acting in his capacity as such, receiving his regular pay, no commitment Fee whatever should be allowed or paid

Your Committee also beg leave to recommend that notices relating to the affairs of the Police office, and advertisements of goods found, supposed to be stolen, should be published in the daily papers of this City, employed by the Corporation

Signed J Warren Brackett, Thos R Smith, James Palmer, J Hedden } Comtee

[244] Which was agreed to and the same Committee were requested to carry the same into effect

It was also directed that the case of a Slave belonging to a Mr Potts now confined in the Bridewell be referred to the Council to take immediate measures for the discharge of said Slave, and for the recovery from the Master of the sum due for the maintenance of said Slave while in confinement

The Comptroller presented a Report on the subject of the rates to be hereafter paid for quit rents which was directed to be referred to the Finance Committee

The Street Commissioner on the petition of William Thompson reported, That Mr Thompson shewing no authority from Mr Lee to receive the money the Street Commissioner is of opinion that the Board have no right to pay the money to him and therefore he should have leave to withdraw his petition

(Signed) Saml Stilwell St Comsr

[245] It was also ordered that the fine in the case of John Johnson, (heretofore referred to the Street Commissioner) be remitted to him on payment of costs

The Council agreably to order reported a Memorial to the Legislature to authorize the Mayor Aldermen &c to raise money by tax and a Bill correspondent therewith—the same was read by paragraphs and the Blanks in the same was filled with $160.000 and the same directed to be engrossed and forwarded to his Honor the Mayor at present attending the Meeting of the Legislature at Albany.

The Council of the Board presented the following—The Council has the honor herewith to lay before the Board the refusal to act and resignation of Genl Clarkson Coln Rutgers and Mr Wolcott who

were appointed by the Supreme Court at the last term. Commissioners of Estimate and assessment in the proceedings relative to the improvement of Nassau Street—And the Counsel having in consequence of such refusals and resignation [246] prepared a petition from this board addressed to the judges of the Supreme Court praying for the appointment of other Commissioners he herewith also presents the same, to the end that it may be executed if the Board see fit

respectfully submitted

Signed D S Jones

Which was approved, and directed to be signed Sealed, and transmitted to the judges of the Supreme Court

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	66.989.38
Warrants not presented	12.765.27
	54224.11

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Lawrence & Vn Wart Watch	498.75
Farrington & White "	621.25
Hays & Bogart "	670.25
Angevine & Hedden "	315.
DeWitt Clinton Esqr Mayor 1 Qr Salary due 12 Augst 1812	1750.
G N Bleecker Compr 1 Qr due 15 Febv 1813	375.
J Hart 3 Mo Subn Statesman 10 Inst	18.75
[247] Amos Rooke Keeper of Sigl Poles 1 Qr Salv	82.50
Comstock & Sawyer last payt on 76 Casks Oil 14th In	2273.42
E Ginnings Supdt Lamps 1 Mo 11 Inst Balc	441.83
	7046.75
Balance	47177.36

The Council agreably to order presented the form of a Bond to be executed by Jacob Barker and his Sureties for the passengers of the Lady Madison, which was approved

Alden Mesier from the Committee to whom was referred the Letter of gideon Hawley Supdt of Common Schools reported that they considered the subject well worth the attention of the Common Council, that they had prepared a Memorial to the Legislature on the subject which being read was as follows

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York in Senate and Assembly convened

The Memorial of the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York respectfully sheweth

That your Memorialists are pleased to [248] observe by a Letter from the Superintendant of the School fund to the Clerk of the City and County of New York that a distribution of the Interest of that fund is about to be made and that the distributive share for this City will be Five thousand and twenty one Dollars and forty one cents. They are also pleased to learn that the act for the establishment of Common Schools is now before your honorable Body and that further to perfect that noble system of charity you contemplate appointing a Trustee or Trustees to distribute the proportion allowed to this County.

Your Memoralists having further understood that several applications on this subject from different Free Schools had been made, conceived it possible from this cause that some difference in sentiment as to who ought to be constituted the trustee might exist and as perhaps no place in the State has made greater exertions to establish Schools and disseminate instruction among the poor and indigent than this City; and as from the avowed state and character of its population a number of [249] establishments of this description patronized by different Societies now exist under circumstances varying their capacity for usefulness and varying their claims for assistance they therefore view the selecting a suitable depositary for this fund an important consideration

Your Memorialists need scarcely represent that the distribution of the sum assigned to this county should be intrusted only to such as are competent to determine the respective merits of the different Schools, and at the same time incapable of being influenced by motives of partiality or favor, and therefore presume that as the constitutional guardians of the City they are fully qualified and justly entitled to this appointment They are moreover induced to solicit the execution of this trust from a conviction that they are more thoughroughly acquainted with the necessities of the numerous Charity Schools than any other body can possibly be; that they possess greater advantages and sources of more correct information from continually administering to the wants and enquiring into [250] the condition of these establishments than any society, can possibly pretend to; and that the frequent grants which they have made entitles them as the impartial

patrons of all to be preferred as Trustees to distribute this fund and as guardians to foster those poor Children whom your honorable Body has So wisely and humanely provided for

And as in duty bound &c

Which was approved and it was ordered to be engrossed and forwarded to His Honor the Mayor

Alde[n] Mesier stated, that Monday next the 22[d] Inst being the birth day of the illustrious Washington the Father of his Country, he moved that the day be honored by the usual demonstrations of joy. That the Flags in the Harbour be hoisted and a national salute under the direction of the Gen[l] of Artillery be fired at noon. Which was agreed to.

He also moved that when the Board adjourn they adjourn to meet on Tuesday the 23[d] Inst which was agreed to

[251] In Common Council Feb[y] 23[d] 1813

present The Hon[l] DeWitt Clinton Mayor President

John Vanderbilt	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
Richard Cunningham		Joseph W Brackett	
John Morss		Augustine H Lawrence	
George Buckmaster		Elisha W King	
Peter H Wendover		Thomas R Smith	
Nicholas Fish		Asa Mann	
John Pell		W[m] J Waldron	
		W[m] A Hardenbrook	
		James Palmer	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

The Council presented engrossed Deeds with the following report

The Council of the Corporation presents herewith to the Board two Deeds to Elbert Anderson Junior, two other Deeds to William Al Burtis a Deed to George Griswold, one other Deed to Garrit Storm and one other Deed to Thomas Kirk James Easburn and John Downes

The four first of which are for the Chamber [252] and Duane Street property sold by the Corporation on the 28[th] January last and are drawn in conformity with a statement of those sales made by the Comptroller—the three latter deeds are for the ground where the old City Hall formerly stood which was sold at the same time and are drawn conformably to the application of Mess[rs] Griswold and Storm which was assented to by the Board at the last Meeting and conformably to a request of M[r] Kirk that the deed for the lot purchased at the said sale by him should be executed to himself James Easburn and John Downes, pursuant to the said application of Mess[rs] Griswold and Storm

These deeds are to be executed by the Common Council and delivered to the Chamberlain as Escrows and to be held by him as such until the payment of the consideration monies respectively and then to be delivered to the grantees according to the terms of sale

all which is respectfully submitted

Signed D S Jones.

Which were directed to be executed and delivered accordingly

[253] A Letter from James Stevenson stating hee is informed the Common Council are about widening Nassau Street, that as he is proprietor of a house in said Street which will be affected by that regulation he requested to be informed whether the regulation would be made and at what time

Ordered to lie on the Table

A Memorial from sundry Inhabitants praying that Hudson Street may be opened to Christopher Street was read and referred to the Committee on Streets

A Petition of Nathaniel Jenks to be appointed a City Measurer, and of Thomas Holdsworth Poppleton to be appointed a City Surveyor were read and referred to the Committee on applications

A Petition from Alexander C Wiley to be appointed a Measurer, was read & granted

A Petition of Charles Day for remission of Fine incurred under the Street Law was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward

[254] A Petition of Joseph Hyde for a Stall in Catharine Market—of Nicholas Steel for stall N° 6 Fly Market—and of Ichabod White for a permit to sell small meats by the quarter in the lower Fly Market were read and referred to the Market Committee

A Letter from Joshua Secor Coroner of the City praying the use of a room in the City Hall was read and referred to the Building Committee

A Petition from John Courtney stating that he had become security for one Andrew Lynch who had engaged to fill in certain Collect Lotts but who had quit the business and enlisted in the service of the United States praying to be exonerated from his responsibility—was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition was received from Gilbert Van Mater praying the Common Council would agree to waive the award lately made in the case between him & the Corporation, and that they would lease to him, the remaining unleased Lots at Brooklyn above Water St for the

term of twenty one Years—Ordered that the same be referred to the Ferry Committee

[255] The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Hook & Ladder Compy No 4

Wm Armstrong, Mason, 7, Doyer St 6th Wd Vce Jos Wilson resd

No 8.

John Watson, Morro Dresser, Augustus St 6 Wd Vce Fr Odell Do

The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the Society for promoting the Gospel, reported

That in their opinion the benevolent and laudable object of the said Society is well worthy of support and encouragement; not only from this Board, as a body Corporate; but from the virtuous and well disposed in this City at large. It is therefore the opinion of your Committee that this Board should give their ready and hearty consent to the proposition made to them, that the Ministers employed by the said Society, be permitted to discharge the duties of their profession in the Bridewell and Debtors prison" It is however proper to remark that inasmuch as this Board has no controul over the Debtors prison your Committee have conferred with Benjamin Ferris Esqr Sheriff who has given his decided approbation to the contemplated arrangement and a[l]so with Mr Bell the Goaler who is desirous [256] the same may be carried into effect; and has promised with promptitude to give it every facility in his power

Signed Joseph W Brackett
J Nitchie
R Cunningham

Which was agreed to

The Council in the case of David Lydig Esqr reported as follows

The Council of the Corporation has the honor to inform the Common Council that Mr David Lydig agrees to submit to arbitration the question of damages which are to be paid to him for the removal of his Store at the corner of Front Street and Peck Slip in conformity with former Resolutions of the Board; and that he has executed a Bond in the penalty of one thousand Dollars conditioned that the said Store shall be removed so as to range with the line of the Street leading along the westerly side of Peck Slip on or before the First day of June next which bond is left in the hands of the Council as an

Excrow until the Common Council may execute an Arbitration Bond in the premises

Mr Lydig having named Mr Purdy as [257] an Arbitrator on his part the Attorney has prepared an Arbitration Bond referring the matter to George Ireland (the Arbitrator named by the Common Council) and to the said Samuel Purdy and to such person as the Arbitrators may name as umpire in case of their disagreement—Which Bond is herewith respectfully presented to the Board for execution

(Signed) D S Jones

Which was approved and the Arbitration Bond directed to be executed on the part of the Corporation

Upon the Report of the Council penalties were remitted upon the usual terms to Captn P Woodward incurred by not reporting passengers

The Street Commissioner presented the Plans of the Commissioners appointed in conformity with the act of June 1812 to ascertain the best method of conveying off the waters from the Collect and Lespinards Meadow thro Canal Street, He also stated that he begged leave to call their attention to a plan which he now presents that will not cost more than [258] one third of that proposed by the Commissioners and can be kept clean at less than one fifth of the Expense and if constructed in the manner which is contemplated no water would stand or remain in it and could be kept perfec[t]ly clean. The Maps and profiles now exhibited are imperfect Sketches, but with a little explanation may shew the intention

The Street Commissioner thinks it his duty to suggest to the Board the propriety of taking this subject into immediate consideration and giving it that attention its present situation and magnitude requires

all which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Saml Stilwell St Comsr

Which several plans were directed be referred to the Canal Committee

The Comptroller presented the Accounts of Robert Fulton—Thomas H Poppleton and Eli Whitney for services and expenses as commissioners under the act of June 1812 for ascertaining the best method of carrying off the waters from the collect and Lespinards [259] Meadow which were referred to the Street Commissr

The following Report of the Public Slips and Docks owned by the Corporation was presented by the Superintendant of Repairs

The Bulkhead and ferry stairs at Horns hook
The Pier & Bulkhead at Bellevue
Slip at the Foot of Grand Street
Dº " " " Walnut St
D " " " Gouverneurs St
Rutgers Slip
Charlotte Slip & the Pier at the West side of the Slip
Georges Slip
Catharine Slip
New Dº
Peck Dº
Beekman Dº
Burling Dº
Fly Market Dº
Coffee House Dº
Old Dº
Coenties Dº
Old Albany Bason
White Hall Slip
Albany Bason North River
Corporation Bason and the Bason lately purchased of Richard Varrick Esqr

[260] Bason at the foot of Duane Street
Bason at the *foof* [foot] of Spring Street

The Street Commissioner Comptroller and Attorney on the Petition of E Anderson and Theodorus Bailey reported

That the subject generally having been decided by the Board, on the Report of the Street Commissioner and Comptroller the 24th Febv 1812; they do not feel at liberty to interfere unless that decission should be recinded by the Board in this particular case

respectfully submitted

Saml Stilwell St Comsr
(Signed) G N Bleecker Comptroller
D S Jones

Which was approved

The Committee on the Petition of Fire Engine Company Nº 39. praying that the number of said Company may be encreased to 30 Men, reported in favor of granting the prayer of Petitioners; which was agreed to

The Council and Comptroller on the subject of the mortgage of

Samuel L Page reported, that a sale of the mortgaged [261] Premises was irregularly made on the first day of February at which neither the Comptroller or Council attended but that Col^{n} Montaigne who holds a prior mortgage on the said property and other persons did attend and bid at the said sale. That the property was struck off to M^{r} John F Randolph who was the highest bidder for the sum of $1250. The Council begs leave to state to the board that the sale above mentioned having been irregularly made may be anulled if it should be deemed expedient, and further that neither the complainants Solicitor nor the Purchasor are at all disposed to contest the right of the Corporation to a re-sale of the premises

For the purpose of ascertaining whether another Sale of the property would be expedient the Subscribers have made considerable enquiry as to the value of the mortgaged premises. The Master who made the Sale. M^{r} Randolph the purchasor, Col^{n} Montaigne the first Mortgagee and M^{r} Riker his Solicitor unite in declaring that the Property in its present situation is not worth anything beyond the price at which it was struck off—And one of the Members of this [262] Board, who was kind enough to examine the property for the purpose of ascertaining its value adds the sanction of his judgement to the opinion of the above named Gentlemen—The subscribers are therefore inclined to believe that it would not be productive of any advantage to the Board to cause the property to be advertized and sold again

all which is respectfully submitted

D S Jones.
G N Bleecker Compt^{r}

Which was agreed to and the Committee discharged from any further consideration of said subject

The law to regulate Hackney Carriages was called up and being read by paragraphs was agreed to and the Blanks filled up but the final passage of the Bill was postponed until the next Meeting. It was directed in the interim that the said Law be printed and the Members furnished with copies of the same for consideration

Ordered that the Comptroller immediately advertize for sealed proposals for renting [263] the public Slips and Wharves for one Year and that the same be received until next Monday week when the proposals will be opened and considered by the Common Council.

Ordered that the Committee to whom was referred the assessment for filling in Courtlandt Street Slip be discharged

Resolved further that said Assessment be confirmed and that Noah Jarvis be appointed Collector

Resolved that the Committee of surveys be requested to Report on the subject of the public Squares at the next Meeting.

The Comptroller reported cash in the Treasury $,63217.39 Warrants not presented 2756.25

Balᶜ 60461.14

Whereupon Warrant were ordered to issue for payment of the following accounts

D S Jones Attᵛ 3 Mo to 20 Febᵛ 1813 Balᶜ	67.94
Thoˢ Franklin Chf Engʳ 1 Qʳ Salᵛ 18 Inst	200.
B Skaats & 2 Asstˢ 1 Qʳ Salᵛ 24 Inst & Expenses	254.68
T Hazard Do Do 18th Do City Prison	512.50
Do to Pay Officers carʸᵉ persons to Bridewell 6 Mo to 1 Nov 1812	205.94
J P Roome Supᵈᵗ Repʳˢ to pay Workmen	500.
Thoˢ H Poppleton Acct surveys Canal St	300.
	2041. 6
Balance	58.420. 8

[264] In Common Council March 1, 1813

present The Honˡ DeWitt Clinton Mayor President

Aldermen: John Vanderbilt, Charles Dickenson, Richard Cunningham, John Morss, George Buckmaster, Peter H Wendover, Nicholas Fish

Assistants: John Nitchie, Joseph W Brackett, Augustine H Lawrence, Elisha W King, Thomas R Smith, Josiah Hedden, Asa Mann, William J Waldron, Wᵐ A Hardenbrook, James Palmer

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of sundry owners and Inhabitants of Lots fronting on Wooster Street that the same may be regulated and that they may have permission to fill in the Street in front of their Lots provided the same is done by the 20th March was read and granted.

[265] A Memorial from Henry Cheavens Jacob Rabineau and Jacob Burdett was read stating that they purpose constructing a Salt water Bath for the accomodation of the Citizens a Plan of which was

exhibited and they prayed the aid of the Common Council with the use of a Wharf or suitable place for it Ordered to be referred to Mr Lawrence Mr Brackett Mr Smith

A Memorial of Robt Macomb stating that he was about petitioning the Legislature for permission to build a Bridge & Dam from Bussings point to Devoux point in Westchester that the convenience of the Bridge will be very great and as he proposes to fix a moderate Toll for the same and is willing to devote one half to the use of the poor of this City he hoped for an expression of the approbation of the Common Council of his Plan

Ordered that the same be referred to the road Committee

A Remonstrance of Richard Amos against opening Hudson Street was read [266] and referred to the Committee on said subject, viz the Committee on Streets

A Petition of William Ustich for appointment as Inspector of Streets was read and laid on the Table

Petitions of Peter Hardenbrook for appointment of Wood Inspector—of Edward Jollie for appointment of Street Inspector and of Joseph P Simpson for appointment of Sealer of Weights and Measures, were read & referred to the Committee on applications

A Representation was made by the Chief Engineer stating that at the late fire corner of Spring and Mott Streets some evil disposed persons had cut the Engine Leaders in the several places and recommended that a reward should be offered for the discovery of the Offenders.

Whereupon it was resolved that His Honor the Mayor be requested to issue his proclamation offering a reward of fifty Dollars for the discovery and conviction of the Offenders—Also ordered that the Council report a draft of a Memorial to the Legislature [267] and a corresponding Bill to be enacted into a Law for punishment of offenders of that nature

A Petition from the Butchers holding stands at the temporary Market near the Arsenal praying that a suitable Market House may be erected at that place or in its vicinity was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants requesting that the Inspectors of Street Manure may also be authorized to Inspect Beach Sand that is offered for sale was read and referred to the City Inspector

A Memorial from Abraham Howard Quincy was read stating that he is the inventor of a new System of conducting heat thro' the medium of Cabinets and other Figures highly ornamental and which is

also calculated to reduce the usual hazard and expense of heating apartments and praying the Common Council to investigate the properties of the same, was ordered to be referred to the Building Committee

A Remonstrance from the owners of [268] Hackney Carriages against the Ordinance on the subject of Hackney Coaches was read and laid on the Table to be taken up when the said Ordinance is under consideration

A Petition of Robert DeGrushe to be appointed Superintendant of the Flag staff was read and referred to the Battery Committee

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances from N° 870 to N° 920 for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 7

Peter M^cCartee Jun^r Currier 12 Jacobs St 4^th W^d
Vce J Downs res^gd

Richard Scott Stationer 276 Pearl St 2^d W^d
V^c Alex^d Andrews D°

N° 23

John Gordon Carpenter 39 Chapple St 5 W^d Vc Alex Nelson D°

N° 26

Edw^d Price Blacksmith 121 Lombardy St 7 W^d
Vce Jonah Cutting D°

N° 33

Caspar Corlay Carpenter Lewis St 10^th Ward vce Samuel White Deceased

[269] The Council on the Petition of Joseph D Fay reported that he has prepared a deed to Richard Riker Esq^r for Lot N° 90 of the Collect Lots which Deed is herewith presented to the Board for execution. The Escrow which had been heretofore made out for M^r Fay and which remained with the Chamberlain has been received from him and is also herewith presented to the Board to the end that it may be cancelled

respectfully submitted

(Signed) D S Jones.

which was approved and the Escrow directed to be cancelled and the Deed to M^r Riker duly executed

Upon the Report of the Attorney penalties were remitted on the usual terms to Captns Klein. Gurney. Rackleff and Gameson incurred by not reporting passengers

The Council agreably to direction reported an Ordinance entitled "A Law in relation to Slaves" which being read by paragraphs was passed

The Street Commissioner to whom was [270] referred the Accounts of Robert Fulton and others Commissioners & for carrying off the Waters from Lespinards Meadow reported. That the Commissioners for laying out Canal Street and making the Assessment of the Expenses were allowed 4 Dollars per diem, and the Commissioners for making a Plan & Map of this Island had the same allowance both fixed by the Legislature of this State, and as 4 Dollars per diem has been the stated price for the services of Surveyors in this City for many years past and still continues the same. The Street Commissioner is of opinion the act authorising this work wherein is mentioned that a reasonable compensation shall be paid the Commissioners for their services, must mean, that a reasonable compensation would be a price that had already been fixed on by their own body as it is also the price of the like services regulated by this Corporation And further as Mr Poppleton has charged 7 Dollars a day and 7 days in each week he has been employed, it is suggested whether it would not be proper to take 21 days from the 21 Weeks, in the account and also to [271] strike out the charge for Board altogether.

All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Saml Stilwell St Commsr

Whereupon ordered that the Comptroller report a Warrant for payment of the accounts of Mr Fulton and also for payment of the Account of Thomas H Poppleton and Mr Whitney allowing Messr Whitney & Poppleton 4 Dollars per diem and deducting from the account of Mr Poppleton the charge for Boarding

The Street Commissioner on the petition of John Courtney reported, that, he has carefully enquired into the circumstances of the case, which appears would be peculiarly hard on the Surety if enforced, he is therefore of opinion that it would be best to suffer the Bond to be cancelled

Which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Saml Stilwell St Comsr

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on the Fire Department and Chief Engineer on the Memorial of William Shultz reported that they have carefully examined the plans and have not been able to discover any improvements that [272] will justify the Corporation in making any expenditures for the experiments

Which Report was approved

The same Committee on the petition of Hook and Ladder Company N° 2 reported that they have examined the House of said Company and are of opinion that the House is too small for their accomodation, and do recommend the building of a new House in Tryon Row opposite Augustus Street and immediately adjoining the Free school Yard.

All which is respectfully submitted

Wm A Hardenbrook
(Signed) John Morss
Thos Franklin

Which was approved

The same Committee on the petition for a Fire Engine in the vicinity of Manhattan Island, reported, that they recommend that an Engine of 6½ Inch caliber be granted agreably to the prayer of the petitioners and that the Chief Engineer be directed to procure the same with the necessary apparatus

Wm A Hardenbrook
(Signed) John Morss
Thomas Franklin

[273] Which Report was approved

The Building Committee on the petition of the Coroner reported, that in their opinion the request ought to be granted, and that the Keeper of the City Hall be instructed to accomodate him with any Room not occupied at the time the application is made

John Morss
(Signed) A H Lawrence
Wm J Waldron

Which was approved on condition that no Corps is at any time brought into the Hall.

The Committee on the Fire Department on the petition of Henry M Ludlum to be appointed Fire Warden of the 3d Ward in place of Thomas Rich resigned, reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioner, which Report was approved

The Canal Street Committee to whom was referred the plans of Messrs Fulton Poppleton and Whitney and also those of the Street Commissioner for carrying off the waters from Lespinards Meadow reported

That they have examined the two Plans [274] with as much attention, as the shortness of the time, owing to the urgency of the case, would admit; and are of opinion that tho' the plan of the Street Commissioner is not without its objections, yet they conceive it much less objectionable than that of the Commissioners

The Committee Report, that the Law appointing those Commissioners, was passed as they understand, on the application of certain persons who thought themselves aggreived by the Assessment laid on their property, for the expenses of opening Canal Street; whose principal objection to the Assessment, was alledged to be, "The impracticability of carrying off by Canal Street all the waters intended to be carried off thereby" and the consequent hardship, of being compelled to pay for the regulation of a Street, which would not when completed, answer the purposes contemplated in laying it out. In this application the Corporation had no participation

The law appoints three commissioners who are directed to determine as to "the best method of draining off the waters from the grounds" adjacent to said Street; and declares [275] that their determination in the premises to be reported to the legislature at their present Session, "if approved of and accepted shall be final and conclusive"

This subject is a very interesting one and of immense importance to the future prosperity of the City; and if the Corporation should be of that opinion, that the plan of the Commissioners is one which ought not to be adopted; it is incumbent on them without delay, to remonstrate with the Legislature against approving and accepting it

It is not deemed necessary by the Committee when they urge the propriety of preventing the sanctioning of the Commissioners plan, at the same time to recommend the adoption of that of the Street Commissioner, or of any particular one out of many others which have been presented to their consideration

The plan to be finally adopted must be a subject of after consideration and in the opinion of the Committee ought to engage the immediate and serious attention of the Board

The Committee will now present to the Board a few of the objections which have occurred to their minds against adopting [276] the plan of the Commissioners

1. The extreme difficulty of securing proper Foundations for the proposed Tunnel: When it is considered that the principal part of it is to pass thro' ground newly made or yet to be made, over an extensive pond and Marsh with a Bottom of soft mud of very great depth

2d The want of sufficient descent to carry off the sediment, and the consequent fact that whatever enters the Tunnel and has a tendency to precipitate, must lodge and by accumulating, will finally choake up its passage: your Committee being of opinion that the recess of the Tide Water, will be so gradual as hardly to disturb much less carry off any of the Sediment which will thus be deposited

3d The impracticability of cleansing the Tunnel or the lateral conduits into it when thus filled up

4th The impossibility that an eliptical Tunnel of the dimensions proposed, which at flood Tide must be nearly full of tide water, at least as far as Broadway, would be able to carry off the torrents of water which must seek their way into it, in the [277] rainy Seasons, when the Tides are generally highest, and which Torrents will be greatly increased when the circumjacent land comes to be regulated and the Streets paved

5th The quantities of mephitical or noxious airs which are always generated and condensed in Sewers under ground and which must be continually extricating thro' the air wells proposed to be made, especially during the rising of the Tide

6th The enormous expense of constructing it, the extreme difficulty of repairing it, if broken, by the falling in of the arch or the unequal settling of the foundation and which appear too great, to be hazarded on so doubtful an experiment: particularly as the plan proposes a very expensive style of building in the Streets thro' which the Tunnel passes, and which the Commissioners, "deem indispensible to the success of the plan they propose"

7th The circumstance that the plan proposed so far as your Committee have been able to learn, does not meet the approbation of those who were most active in procuring the appointment of those Commissioners

The Committee while they feel themselves obliged to condemn the plan of the Commissioners [278] are pleased to find that those gentlemen unanimously concur in the opinion which has been entertained by the board and which was doubted by those on whose application the

Commissioners were appointed, "That Canal Street may be so con-"structed as to afford ample means of conveying off, all the waters "which under any circumstances may collect from the "circumjacent "districts"

The Committee are of opinion and accordingly recommend to the Board that a Memorial be framed and sent to the Legislature without delay remonstrating against the adoption of the plan of the Commissioners and praying that the same may be rejected

all which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) P H Wendover
J Nitchie
Thos R Smith
Wm A Hardenbrok
J. Hedden

Which was approved and the Clerk of the Common Council was directed to draft a Memorial to the Legislature embracing the objections stated by the Committee and praying that the said Plan of the Commissioners may be rejected. It was also directed that [279] the Memorial be forthwith engrossed and forwarded to the Legislature under the seal of the Common Council and the signature of His Honor the Mayor

The Committee on the petition of Charles Day presented a Report favorable to the Petitioner when upon reading the same it was disagreed to

The Committee on the petition of John Thompson reported, That in the Month of May 1804 he obtained a lease from this Corporation of a lot of land for 21 Years at the annual rent of 90 Dols that shortly thereafter he was disturbed in his possession by an action of ejectment commenced against him by the Heirs of Kip's Bay Estate, who claimed title of the said Lot as part of their Farm. That in defending his possession he was put to considerable expence and in consequence of the uncertainty of the Title has been prevented from making that use of the property & those improvements thereon, which appear to have been his intention, & which would evidently in a considerable degree have been for his benefit and advantage under these circumstances the Committee are of opinion that a reasonable abatement of rent would be just and proper and [280] therefore recommend that on

his paying costs he be exhonerated from the payment of so much of the arrears as shall be equal to three years rent

respectfully submitted

(Signed) Nicholas Fish
Wm A Hardenbrook
G N Bleecker Compt[r]

Which was agreed to—And it was also Resolved that the rent due upon the lease to the late Mr John Murray being similarly circumstanced be settled by the Comptroller upon the principles of said Report.

The following resolution was presented and agreed to. Resolved that the Clerk be directed to make and keep a list of all references to Committees which have heretofore been made and are yet undecided upon and also of all references hereafter to be made, with the name of the Chairman of such Committees, and that the same be read over as often as may be necessary until the subjects be reported on and the Committees discharged from the consideration of them

[281] A Resolution (respecting the Defence of the City) was presented by Alden Wendover and referred to the Committee of Defence

The following Resolution was presented by Mr Bracket

In testimony of the high sence entertained by the Common Council of the gallantry & skill of Commodore Wm Bainbridge and his officers and Crew on board the United States Frigate Constitution in the late capture and destruction of His Britanic Majesty's Frigate, the Java; whereby new laurels have been acquired by our gallant navy; and a new instance afforded of the practical utility of that kind of defence, for the protection and encouragement of the important commercial interests of our Country: therefore

Resolved, that the freedom of the City in a gold Box be presented to Commodore Bainbridge, and that his portrait be obtained and set up in the Gallery of portraits belonging to this City: And that the thanks of the Common Council be presented to his officers and crew who were engaged in this atchievement so honorable to themselves and the nation

[282] Upon the motion of the Recorder, Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Surveys to consider how far under the peculiar circumstances of the case of John A Graham Esqr whose grounds are included in the reservation upon the Commissioners Map for the Grand Parade, it would be proper upon sufficient security being

offered to loan to said Graham a sum of money, and to what amount such loan should be made, and that the Committee report at the next meeting of the Board

Agreably to the order of last Meeting the law for regulating Hackney coaches and Carriages, was called up. considered, amended and finally passed

Ordered that the Comptroller report at the next meeting a Warrant fo[r] $150 for payment of Messrs Harison. Wells & Hawes for their opinions given in the case of the purchasors of the Hamilton Square lots

An Account of Smith Lessee of Hell gate Ferry was presented and referred to the Comptroller

[283] On Motion Thomas H Poppleton was appointed one of the City Surveyors

A Member stating that he had business of a confidential nature to communicate The Chamber was cleared of Spectators and the Doors closed.

Mr Nitchie stated that he had received a Letter informing that the Comptroller of the State had made an official Report in which he had stated that he had not as yet received any decission of the Common Council on the subject of the purchase by them of the Government House

He therefore moved that the subject be referred to a special Committee to report thereon with all convenient speed

Which was agreed to.

And the Committee appointed were Mr Lawrence Mr Nitchie Alderm Vanderbilt

[284] The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	80.960.63
Warrants not presented	1662. 5
	79.298.58

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following account

Lawrence and Vn Wart			Watch				498.75
Farrington & White			Do				621.25
Hays & Bogart			Do				670.25
Angevine & Hedden			Do				315.
J Warner	Spcl	Justice	1 Qr	Saly	26 Feb	1813	250.
C Christian	"	"	"	"			250.
C Shultz Jr	"	"	"	"			250.
B Oblenis	Clerk	"	"	"			250.
R Stephens	Asst	"	"	"			125.

J Hardie Asst City Inspr 1 Mo to 1 March	62.50
B Hicks " " "	48.
W P Roome Keeper Potter fd " "	42.
M Hicks Dep St Comsr " "	48.
A B Holmes " " "	48.
S Green " " "	48.
Joshua Secor Coroner 3 Mo "	103.74
Jos Leonard list passengers 6 Mo to 1 Feb	25.
P Burtsell Stationy Mayors Office & City Inspr Office to 3d Feby	100.12
B Hart Bsd Qr Master powder 22d Feby	34. 4
J Hays Extra services Police Officers 3 Mo 26 Feby	142.50
[285] Wm Stratton 1 Instlnt Well pump in Bleecker Street	117.40
C Oneil balc Well & Pump Christopher St	39.
C Oneil repairing Wells 1. 8. 10th Wards	35.32
Charles Kohler Inclenbergh in full 2 March	2601.92
Daniel Woolsey Interest on 2 Bond 1 Year to 26 Decr 1812	279.65
Richd Furman Supdt Alms House	5000.
	12005.44
Balance	67,293.14

[286] In Common Council March 8th 1813

present Pierre C Van Wyck Esqr Recorder President

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	John Nitchie
John Vanderbilt Junr	Joseph W Brackett
Charles Dickenson	Augustine H Lawrence
Richard Cunningham	Elisha W King
John Morss	Thomas R Smith
George Buckmaster	Josiah Hedden
Peter H Wendover	Asa Mann
Nicholas Fish	William J Waldron
John Pell	Wm A Hardenbrook
	James Palmer

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Mrs Shep widow of George Shep deceased praying to have the Stall in Hudson Market lately occupied by her Husband— from Mary Mead for permission to sell vegetables in the Fly Market— from David Marsh holding Stall No 38 & Cornelius King holding Stall No 46 in the Fly Market praying permission [287] to exchange Stalls. And from Adam Coutant praying that the Stall in Greenwich Market lately occupied by his grand father Adam Fink deceased, may be granted to him, were severally read and referred to the Market Committee

A Recommendation of Robert Ralloon as Keeper of the Flag staff was read and referred to the Battery Committee

A Petition for a Well and Pump in the vicinity of Rivington & Ridge Sts was read and referred to the Alden and Asst of the ward and Street Commissioner, to report an ordinance under the usual regulations

A Petition of Isaac Stougtenburgh to be appointed Fire Warden of the 3d Ward in place of his Father I Stoutenburgh lately deceased, was read and granted

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies, Viz,

F Eng Compy No° 37

Thos Parker. Taylor 3d St 10th Wd Vce Saml Bell resgd
George C Lord H Carpenter Bowy 10 Wd Vce Benjn Van Hise D°

[288] Fire Engn Compy No° 27

Wm Cranstoun, Grocer, Greenwich, 5 Wd, Vce, Robt Dean, in army

Fire Engn Compy No° 41.

Walter Hyde,	House Carpenter,	Rivington St	10th Ward
Joseph Collin	D°	Cannon	D°
Casper Corley	D°	D°	D°
James Palmer	Grocer	Suffolk	D°
William Sherwood	Book Binder	Division	D°
Samuel Hopping H	Carpenter	Ridge	D°
Chauncey Carter	Shoemaker	Second	D°
Harry Stiles	D°	Fourth	D°
Chrisn M Hempstead	Rope Maker	Orchard	D°
John Garret	D°	D°	D°
Solomon Williams	D°	Sixth	D°
John Vincent	D°	Fourth	D°
George Kirk	Grocer	Delancey	D°
Samuel James	Rope Maker	Rivington	D°
James Hallock H	Carpenter	Norfolk	D°
Edward Gumbs	Shoe maker	D°	D°
A C Hoyt	D°	Hester	D°
D B Hoyt	Cartman	D°	D°
Joseph Parker	D°	D°	D°
Robert Parker	D°	Suffolk	D°
Peter Marks	Gardner	Orchard	D°

William Haley	H Carpenter	Stanton	10th Ward
James Stackhouse	Dº	Willett	Dº
Abraham Halsey	Dº	Delancey St	Dº
[289] Thomas Wallace, Stone Cutter, Pitt St.			Dº
John De Webber, Painter, Stanton,			Dº
William Howdey, Shoemaker, Rivington,			Dº
John Bailey, Paver,		Attorney Sᵗ	Dº
William Place,	H Carpenter,	Dº	Dº
William Brown,	Soap Boiler,	Dº	Dº

The Street Commissioner presented the Assessment for a Well and Pump in Bleecker Street which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

A Petition of Elizabeth Shrader praying remission of an Assessment upon her for opening Cross Street, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments

An application of Fitz G Hallick in behalf of Jacob Barker praying a further stay of procedings against him Mʳ Barker being absent from the City, was read and a further stay of ten days was granted

A Petition of Theron Rudd Clerk of the U S District Court for a room in the City Hall for his office, was read and referred to the building Committee

[290] A Petition from Henry Bulwinkle praying to be released from a contract he entered into with the Street Commissioner for filling in Collect Lot Nº 2 he b[e]ing unable from the loss of his Horse to comply with the same, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition from Garrit Storm and others purchasors of lots on which the Old City Hall stood praying permission to erect Vaults in the Streets in front of their Lots, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition from sundry proprietors of Lots praying that McDougal Street may be regulated by the proprietors from Spring Street to Houston Street and a similar petition for regulating Prince Street from McDougal to Lawrence Street were read and referred to the Street Commissioner to report ordinances agreably to the prayer of petitioners if in his opinion proper

A Remonstrance of sundry Inhabitants [291] in the vicinity of Duane and William Street against granting a lot to the African Free School at that place was read and referred to the Committee on that subject viz, Mʳ Brackett Aldeⁿ Cunningham, Aldeⁿ Vanderbilt

A Petition of Ann Smith Executrix of Ann Wilkins deceased praying payment of Wharfage for the North side of Courtlandt Street Slip occupied by the Steam Ferry Boat was read and referred to the Comptroller

A Recommendation in favor of John Wolford for some appointment under the Corporation was read and referred to the Committee on applications

A Petition of Christian Small for appointment of Street Inspector, and of James Gorman for a license as a pawn Broker gratis, were read & referred to the Committee on applications

A Letter from Thomas H Poppleton was read stating that the compensation allowed to him for his services as one of the Commissioners for devising means to carry off the waters from [292] Lespinards Meadow and the Collect, was not sufficient, and requesting a further sum to be allowed to him, was read and the petition rejected

A Memorial of Richard Berrian was read stating that he had invented a Shell which would be directed in a straight line and would lodge after entering the side of a Vessel, which he deemed would be very useful in Harbour defence and requesting the Corporation to appropriate a sum for making castings for the purpose of experiments. Which was referred to the Committee of Defence to direct such experiments to be made as they should judge proper

Upon the Report of the Attorney penalties were remitted upon the usual terms to Captns Miles [&] Ulfpane for not reporting passengers

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from Nº 920 to 940 which were passed

The Committee on Laws and ordinances to whom was referred the subject concerning [293] fees of Constables and Marshalls for making distress for rent reported that there is no law of this State, making any allowance to Constables and Marshalls, for distraining goods for arrears of rent, tho' it would seem they are compelled to do the duty, and which is always attended with more or less trouble and responsibilty, and they have considered themselves at liberty to charge a reasonable compensation, and which they have from time to time encreased until their exactions have become exorbitant and oppressive particularly in cases where the rent has been of small amount, their fees have exceeded double the rent distrained for, and as these impositions are generally practiced on the poorer part of our fellow Citizens, who do not always understand their rights or if they do have not the means of obtaining redress by the ordinary course of law it would be very desirable to put a stop to such abuses and to regulate the fees of

the Officers for such services but as the Common Council do not possess that power your Committee beg leave to recommend that a suitable memorial be presented to the Legislature at their present Session accompanied with a Draft of a Law to vest the [294] Common Council with power to regulate the Fees of the Constables and Marshalls of this City for making distresses for rent, and inflicting proper penalties for exacting more than shall be allowed

The great difficulty of fixing at once the proper compensation to be allowed officers for services of this kind has induced your Committee to recommend this course in preference to asking the Legislature to regulate their fees, which would require repeated alterations

All which is most respectfull Subm^ted

(Signed) E W King
J Hedden
J Nitchie
J Warren Brackett

which was approved—and the Council directed to prepare Memorial

The Committee on the Memorial of Rob^t M^cComb reported, That a Bridge over Harlaem Creek at the points designated would in their opinion be a public convenience, and should meet the countenance and approbation of the common Council

The Committee however understanding that an application of a similar nature is now pending before the Legislature the particulars [295] of which they are unacquainted with and not being precisely informed how far the rights of third persons may be involved in the subject referred to them, do not think proper to recommend any speciffic act on the part of the common Council; but the Committee are decidedly of opinion that unless the rights of third persons should be prejudiced by the adoption of the plan referred to them or unless the proposition now pending before the Legislature should be deemed a greater public benefit that the public convenience and accomodation would be greatly promoted by the establishment of a Bridge at that place

(Signed) Nicholas Fish Ch^n
John Pell
A H Lawrence
W^m A Hardenbrook

Which was approved
The Council reported*

*A space follows but no report has been entered.—Ed.

[296] Alderman Mesier from the Committee of Surveys reported verbally that the Committee had taken the subject relative to the public Squares referred to them into consideration, and they directed him to recommend to the Board that the Memorial and Bill which was presented to the Legislature on this subject at their last Session be again presented—which was approved and the Clerk was directed to engross the same and forward it duly authenticated to his Honor the Mayor now attending in Senate to be by him presented to the Legislature

Resolved that Mr King be appointed on the Committee for furnishing the City Hall in place of Mr Hawes, and that they be requested to direct chairs to be furnished for the Grand Jury Room

The following Resolution was presented by Alden Mesier

Resolved that the following persons be removed from the Offices they respectively hold under the Common Council [297] viz

Garrit N Bleecker from Comptroller

Jacob P Roome Superintendt Repairs

Mott Hicks Asst Street Commissioner

Francis Lynch Inspector of Bread

William P Roome Keeper Potters Field

William Vn Wart Wood Inspr & Captain of City Watch

It was moved that the question be taken upon each persons name separately it was agreed—Alderman Wendover moved that the consideration be postponed until the next meeting of the Board, a Division having been called thereon it passed in the negative as follows

Negative

Alden Mesier Vanderbilt. Dickenson Cunningham—Mr Nitchie Brackett Lawrence—King—Hedden—Hardenbrook Palmer 11

Affirmative

Alden Morss. Buckmaster. Wendover. Fish. Pell. Mr Smith, Mann, Waldron 8.

The Question being taken on the removal of Garrit Bleecker and a Division having been called it was carried in the Affirmative as folls

Affirmative

Aldern Mesier Vanderbilt Dickenson [298] Cunningham. Mr Nitchie Brackett Lawrence King Hedden Hardenbrook Palmer 11.

Negative

Alden Morss. Buckmaster Fish Wendover. Pell, Messrs Smith Mann Waldron 8.

The question being then taken on the removal from office of Jacob P Roome it was carried in the Affirmative The Members voting as upon the last Division, excepting Alde[n] Vanderbilt who now voted in the negative

The question being taken on the removal from Office of Mott Hicks it was carried in the Affirmative as follows

Affirmative—Ald[n] Mesier, Vanderbilt Dickenson Cunningham—Morss Wendover Mess[rs] Nitchie Brackett Lawrence King Smith. Hedden. Mann. Waldron Hardenbrook 15

Negative Alder[n] Buckmaster Fish Pell M[r] Palmer 4

The Question being then taken on the removal from Office of Francis Lynch [299] it was carried in the Affirmative as follows

Affirmative. Alde[n] Mesier. Vanderbilt. Dickenson. Cunningham Morss Wendover M[rsrs] Nitchie. Brackett. Lawrence. King. Smith Hedden. Mann. Hardenbrook. Palmer. 15

Negative Alde[n] Buckmaster. Fish. Pell. M[r] Waldron 4

The Question was then taken on the removal from Office of William P Roome, which was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative. Alde[n] Mesier. Vanderbilt Dickinson Cunningham. Fish. Mess[rs] Nitchie. Brackett. Lawrence. Hedden Hardenbrook Palmer 11

Negative Alde[n] Morss. Buckmaster Wendover Pell Mess[rs] King. Smith. Mann Waldron 8.

The Question being about to be taken on the removal of William Van Wart from the offices of Capt[n] of the City Watch, and of Wood Inspector M[r] Lawrence moved to strike out from the Resolution the words "Inspector of Wood" which was agreed to. The question was then taken on the removal of William Van Wart from the Office of Captain of the City Watch which carried in the affirmative as follows

[300] Affirmative Alde[n] Mesier. Vanderbilt Dickenson Cunningham. Mess[rs] Nitchie. Brackett. Lawrence. King Hedden, Hardenbrook 10

Negative Alde[n] Morss. Buckmaster Wendover. Fish. Pell. Mess[rs] Smith. Mann. Waldron. Palmer 9

It was then moved that the Board proceed to the election of persons to fill the vacancies occasioned by said removals which was agreed to

The Board then proceeded to elect a person to fill the office of Comptroller of the City—upon counting the Ballots, it appeared that Thomas R Mercein was duly elected to that office

The Board then proceeded to elect a person to fill the office of Superintendant of repairs and upon counting the Ballots it appeared that James Wallace was duly elected

The Board then proceeded to elect a person to fill the office of Inspector of Streets when Charles E Duncan apeared to be duly elected

The Board then proceeded to elect a person [301] to fill the office of Inspector of Bread when on counting the Ballots it appeared that Phillip Becanon was duly elected

The Board then proceeded to elect a person to fill the office of Keeper of Potters Field, when upon counting the Ballots it appeared that Morris Ackerman was duly elected

The Board then proceeded to elect a person to fill the office of Captain of the City Watch—when on counting the Ballots it appeared that Asa Holden was duly elected

It was then moved that a person be elected to fill the office of Assistant to the said Watch District which was agreed to—and the Board proceded to elect the same—when on counting the Ballots it appeared that William Peters was duly chosen

M^r King presented an ordinance entitled a Law in amendment of a Law to regulate the sale of fire wood &, which was read and passed

The Board then proceded to appoint two Inspectors under the said amended Law [302] when Joseph George and Benjamin Weeks were duly elected

Ordered that the proper Officer be directed to collect the delinquencies of the Tax laid on the 7^th^ Ward

The sealed proposals sent to the Comptroller for renting of the Docks and Slips for the ensuing year, were opened when it appeared that Charles Smith offered $17200 and David M Mills $20,800. Whereupon Resolved that the public Docks and Slips be rented to said Mills for one year he giving sufficient security for payment of the same

On Motion of M^r Smith ordered that the National Advocate be subscribed to by this Corporation

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of a Communication received from a Member of the Assembly from this City at Albany on the proposition made some time since by the Comptroller of the State to this Board offering the Gov^t House for Sale for the Sum of $50,000 under certain restrictions as follows.

[303 "Payable by Bond at Ten Years Interest annually at 6 p^r Ct The Corporation to have no right of selling said Grounds for the erection of private Buildings or other individual purposes" It is the unanimous opinion of your Committee that it would be highly im-

proper for the Board to purchase the property under the conditions demanded by the state. At the same time your Committee would advise the purchase if it could be made unconditionally for the Sum of Fifty thousand Dollars, and as the situation of our Finances are such at present that no credit is wanted. They recommend the Comptroller be directed to offer that Sum in Cash

Your Committee cannot help but observe that it is a little extraordinary the Legislature should wish to tie the hands of the Corporation on a subject in which the City alone is interested. and they feel confident that for the last 3 or 4 years there has been no want of public spirit in the Board to improve and beautify the City to the full extent of their abilities, it is certain the present situation of the House & Grounds is a disgrace to our City. and unfortunately that disgrace is generally attached to the Corporation instead of the actual proprietors.

A H Lawrence.
John Nitchie
John Vanderbilt J

Which was agreed to.

[304] The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	73.371.25
[Warrants not presented]	1487. 5
	71.884.20

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts

Peter Aymar 1 Qr Salv Collector 6 Inst	156.
John A Crolius Inspr Bread 1 Qr 8 Inst balc	98.30
F Huguet Manhn Water 4 Years to 1 May 1813	508.33
R Harrison J Wells & P Hawes Counsel fees Hamilton Square Lots	150.
B Skaats to purchase fuel for City Hall	150.
Saml Walker posts Bills 23 Novr to 6 Inst	16.
F H Poppleton Acct Comsr Canal St	763.64
E Whitney " " "	180.
R Fulton " " "	153.
A Woodward engrossg Report "	13.
Mrs C Ritter set corner Stones Maiden Lane BdWay	4.
Lemuel Skidmore Asst Well & Pump Grand St	12.
John McComb Jr New City Hall	1000.
N Taylor 1 Pair Goblets for Sl McCormic	50.
	3254.27
Balance	68.629.93

[305] In Common Council March 15 1813

present Pierre C Van Wyck Esq^{r} Recorder President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
John Vanderbilt Jr		Joseph W Brackett	
John Vanderbilt		Augustine H Lawrence	
John Morss		Elisha W King	
George Buckmaster		Thomas R Smith	
Peter H Wendover		Josiah Hedden	
Nicholas Fish		Asa Mann	
John Pell		Wm J Waldron	
		Wm A Hardenbrook	
		James Palmer	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition from John Deforrest for stand in the lower Fly market to sell small meats—one from Elizabeth Kline for permission to hold Stall N° 24 lately occupied by her Husband Leonard Kline—one from John G Thompson for the Stall in the Fly market lately held by his Father George Thompson, and a recommendation [306] in favor of Cicely Stewart for a Hucksters stand in the Market were severally read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Richard Chandonett to be appointed a Measurer, was read and resolved that said Petitioner be appointed a Measurer of Grain

A Petition of George Griswold and others purchasors of lots on the Scite of the old City Hall praying that the front line of the Buildings which they are about to erect on those Lots may be built so as to range with the corner of M^{r} Taylors house and the stone wall of the Presbyterian Church yard

Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on Streets and Street Commissioner with authority to ascertain and direct the line upon which said Houses shall be built—Permission was also given to the proprietors of the said lots to erect lime Houses in the Street under the direction of the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and agreably to the ordinance on that subject

[307] On Motion of Alde^{n} Pell a similar permission was given to to erect a Lime House in Second Street opposite his lot

A Petition of Lucas Van Buskirk to be appointed an Inspector of Streets was read and referred to the Committee on Applications

A Petition of John Mayher praying remission of a fine incurred by not complying with an ordinance derecting the filling of a certain

Lot fronting on Green Street, was read and all further proceedings directed to be staid until the first of May next upon payment of cost accrued

A Report from the Chief Engineer was read stating that Scites for several Engine Houses were now wanting and others would be soon required, and suggesting the propriety of purchasing the same was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

And it was referred to the Council to consider & report how far the Common Council would be authorized to appropriate [308] the ground which will be left upon widening Nassau Street for that purpose

A Petition of Hook and Ladder Company N° 4 for an addition of Six Men to their Company—And of Fire Engine Company N° 40. for an addition of two Men. were read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department and Chief Engineer

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engn Compy N° 4

Frederick McReady, Carpenr, 34 Gold St, 2 Wd Vce, G W Somerndyke resgd

N° 3

Christian Brown, Book Binder, 71 Water, 1 Wd, Vce, John Weyman decd

N° 28

Benjn Sands, Jr Cabnt Maker, Spring St, 8th Wd, Vce, J Lounsbury enlisted

Enock Jones, Mason, Crosby St, 6 Wd Vce L Jones, not appearing after the appointment

N° 23

James Zeiss, Glass cutter, 25 Elm St, 6 Wd Vice H M Ludlum apd F Warden

Charles L Strong, Clerk, 87 Leonard St, 5 Wd Vice Walter Hyde resgd

James Gridley, Smith, Walker St, 5 Wd Vice B Waldron removed

N° 30

George W Pitman, Rope Maker, Rivington St, 10 Wd,
Vice, M Vanderhoof D°

Charles Peck, Grocer, Hester St, 10th Wd, vice Griffith Griffiths enlisted

[309] A Representation of Morris Oakley Collector of the 7th Ward stating that he had been unable to collect from Dr Nicholas Romaine the amount of his Tax was read and referred to the Council.

A Memorial was received from sundry Inhabitants of Chatham Street complaining that the Watch had been removed from the former stand in said Street and p[r]aying that he may be again stationed at the former stand was read and referred to the Watch Committee

The City Inspector reported drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nusances from No 940 to No 954 which were passed

The Committee of Assessments on the compensation to Noah Jarvis, reported, that having diligently enquired into the subject they are of opinion that the sum of Three hundred and fifty Dollars ought to be allowed and paid him, the said Noah Jarvis in full on that account, all which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) J Warren Brackett
Augustine H Lawrence
J Nitchie
J Hedden
Asa Mann

[310] The Committee of Charity on the communication of J Vanderbilt Esqr respecting John Wilhelmus, reported. That in their opinion Mr Vanderbilt ought to be reimbursed Seventeen Dollars expended by him in the relief of said debtor

(Signed) Peter Mesier
James Palmer
Wm J Waldron
Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant for payment of the same

The City Inspector to whom was referred to report *to report* an Ordinance to regulate the sale of Beach sand presented a report which was read, and he was discharged from further consideration of the same

It was ordered that the Council report an Ordinance for the sale & Inspection of Manure

The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Elizabeth Shroan reported that in their opinion Petitioner [311] should have leave to withdraw her petition which was agreed to

Upon the report of the Committee of Assessments the Street Commissioner was directed to sell at auction agreably to the act in such case made and provided, the following Lots for non payment of Assessments laid upon them. viz

For opening Elm Street at Hester Street known by Lot N° 751 on Bayards East Farm $5.87½ assessed to Richard Colyer—Lot N° 675 said Farm $17.5 Abraham Stagg—Lot N° 676 said Farm $20 W^m A Livingston—For paving Hester Street Lot N° 675 Bayard *East* [West] Farm $27 $^{25}/_{100}$ to Graham & Houston—Lot N° 676 said Farm $18.$^{5}/_{100}$ to W^m Houston

For regulating and paving the intersection of Broome and Suffolk Streets—Lots known by No^s 1667-1668-1669. Delancy's Farm $13.$^{5}/_{100}$ asses^d to D^r Nicholas Romaine

For a Well & Pump in Norfolk Street near Broome St Lots N^os 1646-1647-1648-1649-1650 1651. 1652 Delancys Farm $44.$^{5}/_{100}$

Also For regulating & paving Mott Street from Hester to Spring Street, Lot N° 369 Bayards E. Farm $26 Susan Corles.

[312] The Council on the subject of the Memorial respecting the Marshals Fees reported, that in consequence of the Resolution of the Board of the 8^th^ Instant he prepared a Memorial to the Legislature and a Bill corresponding therewith on the subject of fees and charges for making distress for rent—And that the said Memorial duly authenticated by the Seal of the Corporation together with the Bill were during the last Week forwarded to His Honor the Mayor at Albany to be laid before the Legislature

respectfully submitted

(Signed) D S Jones

The Council agreably to order reported a Memorial and Bill for punishing injuries done to Fire Engines—Whereupon Resolved that it is not expedient further to proceed on the same

Upon the report of the Attorney penalties were remitted upon the usual terms to Capt^ns^ Terry—Rich—Swift—Doll incurred by not reporting Passengers

[313] The Council presented the following communication.

The Council of the Corporation has the honor to inform the Board that in consequence of the Resolution of the Common Council on the 23^d^ of March last an amicable suit was instituted in the Supreme Court of this State on behalf of the Corporation against Michael Cashman to try the question whether the assessments for opening Chamber Street to Chatham should be paid by the Corpora-

tion or their Lessees. The Supreme Court have recently given Judgment in that suit in favor of the Corporation; and those Assessments are accordingly to be borne by the Lessees (provided their Leases are similar to Mr Cashmans which is believed to be the case) The Council has deemed it expedient to give information to the Board of this adjudication, as soon as he was acquainted with it as he has understood that several settlements have been delayed until the determination of this suit

respectfully submitted

(Signed) D S Jones

The Comptroller made a communication [314] on the subject of the commutation of quit rents which was referred to the Finance Committee—He also stated that the contract for Street Manure would expire on the 9th April next and he was directed to advertize for farming the same under the Law upon that subject

The Street Commissioner on the memorial of Garrit Storms & others reported that he is of opinion that leave should be given to construct vaults under the direction of the Street Commissioner according to a late ordinance on the subject, which was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner upon the petitions referred to him reported an ordinance for regulating McDougal Street from Spring to Houston St, And also an ordinance for regulating Prince's St from McDougal to Thompson Street, Which were passed and George Ireland Lemuel Skidmore—Stephen Kingsland John Brower & Solomon Wheeler, were appointed Assessors in each

The Street Commissioner on the petition [315] of Henry Bullwinkle, reported that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition, which was agreed to

The Committee of Charity on the Memorial of the Trustees of the N Y City Dispensary reported

That from the annual report of the Society and other information your Committee are in possession of respecting their funds and from the extraordinary and immediate relief given to the sick poor they are of opinion that perhaps no Society exists in New York founded upon more laudable principles

The applications for medical and surgical aid are daily increasing, and by the immediate attention given by the Gentlemen of the faculty it must make it obvious to every discerning mind that it has a great tendency to give immediate relief, which if neglected in the first stage of a disorder would doubtless add considerably to the number of

objects, who would become a prey to some violent disease and would ultimately create a public expence in the Alms House or Hospital

Your Committee cannot but feel grateful to those Gentlemen who with such unremitted diligence have paid the earliest and particular attention to the sick poor, therefore [316] earnestly recommend that this Board grant them an additional sum of $200 so as to make the annual donation $500 this will enable them to extend their laudable exertions to answer the numerous calls of misery & woe, give immediate relief, health restored, and the Father or Mother of many a distressed family enabled to prosecute their lawful avocations and support their dependant offspring, which if neglected in the first stage of sickness might be the cause of the whole family becoming a public charge

all which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Jn° Vanderbilt Jr
Wm J Waldron
James Palmer
Peter Mesier

Which was agreed to

The Committee on the subject of renting the Flag Staff at the Battery reported

That in their opinion the Flag Staff should be rented for the ensuing year to Henry Marsh and Henry B Moore for the same rent and on the same conditions as it was rented last year, the term [317] to commence from and immediately after the expiration of the present lease

All which is submitted

(Signed) Peter Mesier
J Nitchie

On the question of agreing to the same it passed in the negative—It was then moved to reconsider the vote which was agreed to—The question being again taken on the Report, it was again negatived

It was then moved that the Flag Staff be rented to Henry Marsh & Hathaway agreably to the terms in said report, which was agreed to

A Communication was received from Richard Smith Lessee of Hornes Hook Ferry stating that he had received notice from Jacob McKey not to use his ground for a landing after the First of next Month. This subject together with Smith's Account with this Board, was referred to the Ferry Committee

The Comptroller was directed to accept of Alexander Fink and Samuel Ackerly as sureties in a Bond with David M Mills [318] for the lease of the public Docks & Slips for the ensuing year.

Ordered that the Street Commissioner report an Ordinance for the repairing the public Sewer in Broad Street

Ordered that it be referred to the finance Committee to enquire as to the official conduct of Mr G N Bleecker the late Comptroller while in the employment of this Board

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	79.175.86
Warrants not presented	2746.69
	76.429.17

Whereupon Warrants were Ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts

Lawrence & Vn Wart Watch	498.75
Farrington & White "	621.25
Hays & Bogart "	670.25
Angevine & Hedden "	315.
J Brower Assessmt on Pumps & Wells in Christopher St	12.
John Brower Ditto Cortlandt St Slip Bulk Head	60.
[319] W H Field attendance as Witness on the part of the people by order of Recorder	6.
M Banks Blacksmiths work for Pumps	39.31
H Brush repairs " "	27.
E Jennings Lighting Lamps	628.16
F Lynch Inspector of Bread to 9th Mar 2 Mo	63.96
G Thresher painting Diploma for Capt Jones of the U S Wasp	35.
	2976.68
Balance	73452.49

[320) In Common Council March 22d 1813

Present Pierre C Van Wyck Esqr Recorder President

Peter Mesier John Vanderbilt Jr Charles Dickenson Richard Cunningham John Morss George Buckmaster Peter H Wendover Nicholas Fish John Pell	Aldermen	John Nitchie Joseph W Brackett Augustine H Lawrence Elisha W King Thomas R Smith Josiah Hedden Asa Mann Wm J Waldron Wm A Hardenbrook James Palmer

Assistants

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

A Letter from Coln George Izard of the U S Army recommending an additional Battery for the defence of the City was read and referred to the Committee of Defence

An invitation of Major Gilbert of the 1st Regmt U S Volunteers to attend a review of the Troops under his command at the [321] West Battery on Thursday next 4 O Clock was read and acepted

A Petition of John McFarland to be appointed a Measurer of grain, was read, and Petitioner was appointed a Measurer of grain

A Petition of Wilson Lyons for Stand No 29 in the Fly Market— from George M Patten for Stall No 1 in Greenwich Market. from John Schuyler for permission to exchange Stall No 13 for No 6 in the Fly Market and from Margaret Bowning for Hucksters Stand in said Market were severally read and referred to the Market Committee

Petitions for a Well in Delancy Street near Willett Street & Pitt Street, were read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Wards & Street Commissioner to report ordinances

A Petition of Robert Carnley for an advance of one hundred Dollars to enable him to finish his contract for Willett Street, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

[322] The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Floating Engine

Wm King, Mason, 19 Rose St, 4th Wd, Vice J Doughty resgd

Peter Coffee. Rigger, 52 Charlotte St 7 Wd, Vice Jos Vn Orden enlisted

F Engᵉ Compʸ Nº 26

Alanson Weed, Shoemaker 135 Lombardy St 7 Wᵈ Vice Davᵈ Covert resgᵈ

A Memorial of the Owners of Hackney Carriages, and a Memorial of Livery stable keepers on the subject of the late ordinance regulating Hackney carriages, were read, and laid upon the Table

A Memorial of A T Goodrich stating that he was an Artillerist and therefore by law exempt from personal Tax, but that he had been assessed and compelled to pay the same, and praying relief, was read, And thereupon Resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A Petition of Charles Day praying remission of a Fine incurred under the Street law was read, and ordered that [323] proceedings thereon be stayed, on payment of costs until the further order of the Board

A Petition of Fire Engine Company Nº 5 for a new Engine House, was read and referred to the Chief Engineer

A Petition of James Hanraham for appointment as Wood Inspector was read and referred to the Committee on applications

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on the Assessment for Bulk-head and filling in Courtlandt Street Slip which was read and a Warrant ordered to issue to the Collectors, for collecting the same

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Ridge Street between Rivington and Delancy Street, which was passed.

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Gilbert Van Mater, reported

That they have had an interview with the Petitioner on the subject referred to them [324] and after making what they considered a fair estimate of the annual value of the unleased lots at Brooklyn, Under the power vested in them by the Common Council they offerred the Petitioner a lease for twenty one Years on seven Lots of ground at the annual rent of $900 which he declined to accept, your Committee have been offered the same Sum from another person with a reasonable addition for the Houses lately purchased of Mʳ Van Mater which your Committee are unauthorized to accept But from the liberal offer which has been made and from the extensive improvements contemplated by the person who made it, your Committee

recommend that the said property be let by private contract agreably to the plan formerly reported by your Committee

All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) E W King
A H Lawrence
Jno Vanderbilt Junr

Which was approved

Upon the report of the Attorney penalties [325] were remitted on the usual terms to Captains Bancroft & Alverez for not reporting passengers

The Council presented the award of the Arbitrators in the case of David Lydigg—whereby it appeared that they had awarded to David Lydigg for his damages in removing his Store the sum of $300 and also $34 for expenses of the Arbitration to be paid by the Corporation

Whereupon Ordered that the Comptroller report a Warrant for payment of the same

The Council presented the following

The Council of the Corporation has the honor to present herewith to the board for execution, a Lease to Jeromus Schenck, for Lot No 1. Brooklyn, Three other Leases to William Willis for Lots Nos 2. 3. & 4 Brooklyn one other to Thomas W Birdsall for Lot No 6 Brooklyn—One Other to Burdett Striker for Lot No 12 Brooklyn and one other to Abraham Hart for the upper part of the Watch House in third Street in this City

These Leases have been drawn conformably to the Comptrollers statement of the [326] Sale of Corporation Property on the 28th January last; except the Lease to Thomas W Birdsall, which at that sale was purchased by William Willis, who has since with the approbation of the Committee under whose direction the sale was made, transferred the same to the said Birdsall

respectfully submitted

(Signed) D S Jones

Which were directed to be duly executed

A Resolution presented by Alderman Wendover on the subject of the defence of the City was read, and ordered to lie on the Table

Resolved that the Superintendant of repairs be directed to have the Pump at the intersection of Pump Street and the Bowery, removed from the middle to the side of Pump Street at the public expense.

And Ordered that all Pumps similarly situated be also removed by the Superintendant of repairs at the public Expence

Resolved that the Committee on Streets and Street Commissioner be directed to [327] consider and report on the propriety of opening Varrick Street from Vandam to Clarkson Street

Mr Lawrence presented a Resolution, respecting the Park, which was agreed to, and the Attorney was directed to report an ordinance conformable thereto.

Mr Bracket presented the following

Resolved that it be recommended to the Citizens of this City to appoint a Committee on their part to confer with the Committee of Defence on the part of this Board on the subject of the best means of defending this City and Harbour in the present crisis and for the temporary payment of the charges thereon:

And further resolved that it shall be the duty of the Committee of Defence to enquire how many gun boats there are in this Harbour not manned nor put in service by our general government: and that said committee report thereon with all expedition: together with an estimate of the expense of maning and keeping them in actual service for the space of six months.

It was moved that the same be referred [328] to the Committee of Defence, the question being taken thereon and a division being *being* called it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative

Aldens Mesier—Vanderbilt—Dickenson Cunningham Fish

Messrs Nitchie Lawrence—King—Hedden Hardenbrook. Palmer 11.

Negative

Aldern Morss—Buckmaster—Pell—Wendover

Messrs Brackett—Smith—Mann—Waldron 8

Ordered that the sunday Law be referred to the Council to report such amendments as he may judge necessary to render the same conformable to the Constitution of the State

Ordered that if sufficient Sureties be not given by David M Mills the Contractor for the public Wharves & Slips on or before Thursday next that the Comptroller be directed to advertize the same to be rented for the ensuing year

[329] The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	89963. 5
Warrants not presented	2593.69
	$87.369.36

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Jas Warner Special Justice 26 Febr to 17 Mar	52. 2
Charles Christian " " "	52. 2
N Jarvis collecting Assesst Canal St	350.
Dd Stilwell repairs Pump Wells 4 6 Wards	32.50
J Fine " " " 1. 5 8th "	117. 6
Geo Collis Iron work for Pumps 3. 4 "	6.25
Wm Kay repairing a Pump	8.
C Oneal " Pumps & cleaning Wells	19.25
Wm Castle " " 3. 7 Wards	37.63
Wm Butler Iron work for " 1. 5 8th "	25.86
Comstock & Sawyer Lamp Oil	1358.36
Latham Bunker " "	267.95
Thos Mingus Iron work for Lamps	51.
Saml Nichols for Lam[p]s & Cups	94.25
M Hicks Asst St Comsr Saly 1 to 10th March	18.
Waters Furman removing snow from the Markets during the Winter	8.75
Jno Vanderbilt Jr Esqr reimbursement cash expended for J Wilhemus a debtor	17.
Wm P Rome Keeper Potters Field 1. to 12 Inst	18.
G N Bleecker Comptr to 11 Inst	116.63
Jno McKie Timber for Docks & Slips	13.14
[330] Burtis & Woodward Spokes for Engine Ladders	6.50
John Watson Shingles for Houses for "	6.64
Decamp & Elridge repairs	10.63
Geo Downing Locust Posts	24.
Luke Torboss glazing Lamps	65.44
Josph Watkins Lumber for Battery and Bridewell	5.16
Jas Jenkins Ironmongery to 1 March	23.94
Jno Johnson repairs to Bridewell and public buildings	35.68
Ricd Furman Treasr N Alms House	5000.
	7.841.66
Balance	79.527.70

[331] In Common Council March 29th 1813

present Pierre C Van Wyck Esqr Recorder President

Peter Mesier John Vanderbilt Junr Charles Dickenson Richard Cunningham John Morss George Buckmaster Peter H Wendover Nicholas Fish John Pell	Alderman	John Nitchie Joseph W Brackett Augustine H Lawrence Elisha W King Thomas R Smith Josiah Hedden Asa Mann Wm J Waldron Wm A Hardenbrook James Palmer	Assistants

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of John Tenbroeck for Stall No 1 Greenwich Market, of Simeon Travers for Stall No 38 Hudson Market—of James Reeves, and Asa W Wilson for exchange between them, of No 4 Greenwich Market and No 6 Arsenal Market—And from Reeves and Wilson for Stand to sell garden seeds in Fly Market, were read and referred to the Market Committee

[332] A Petition of Peter and George Lorrilard was received stating that they are Lessees of Corporation Property in Tyron Row—Augustus Street—and Chatham Street—which have been assessed for opening Chamber Street—that agreably to the late decision of the Supreme Court in Cashmans case, the Lessees are not bound to pay the assessments as those leases are not on the same terms, but tho' the petitioners are not bound to pay the Assessment on their Lots they are willing to pay the same provided the Corporation will grant new leases for the Lots corner of Tyron Row & augustus Street, and the other in Chatham Street to commence on the expiration of the leases they now hold.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Comptroller and Council.

A Memorial from the Inhabitants of Grand, Hester, and other adjacent Streets praying, that one of the Streets leading to Corlears Hook, and the Market may be dug out and regulated as soon as possible was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

[333] A Petition of Hook and Ladder Company No 3 for additional apparatus and for additional men was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of Darius D Johnson praying remission of penalty under an Ordinance against setting off Squibs and crackers &c in the

Streets was read and referred to the Attorney with authority to remit if in his opinion proper

A Petition of Samuel Bensaker for remission of penalty incurred by exporting Flour without being inspected. was read and referred to the following Committee with authority to remit the proportion belonging to the Corporation viz Alde[n] Mesier, Vanderbilt M[r] Nitchie

A Memorial from Marinus Willet for further time to regulate Grand Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A further petition from Charles Smith [334] and Ann his Wife Executors of Wilkins deceased praying payment of Wharfage due for occupation by Steam boat of Wharf at Courtlandt Street Slip, or that the question may be referred to Arbitrators, and further that until the decission of the same, that the collection of the Assessment for filling in said Slip imposed upon them be delayed.

Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on Wharves with authority to direct the collection of the petitioners proportion of courtlandt slip Assessment to be delayed until further order

The Council presented the lease for the Flag Staff for one year to Marsh & Hathaway.

Which was directed to be duly executed.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Eng. Comp[y] N[o] 29

Matthew Armstrong, Carpenter, Washington S[t] 8 W[d] Vce John Blauvelt removed [to] Country

Ab[m] Heyer, milkman, Christopher St, 8 W[d] Vce J Berdun Resg[d]

N[o] 34

Corn[ls] Rider, Carman, Herring St 8 W[d] Vce J Warrd enlisted

[335] A Petition of Fire Engine Company N[o] 33 for a larger Engine was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department and Chief Engineer

A Petition of John C Redmond complaining of the riotous conduct of assemblages of Boys in Henry Street was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of Samuel Eldridge to be appointed a Measurer of grain was read and granted

The Chief Engineer on the petition of Fire Engine Company N[o] 5 for a new Engine House reported, that as the house would be permanent, he would recommend that the Superintendant of Repairs be

directed to erect one of Brick of the usual dimensions. which was approved.

Alderman Mesier from the Market Committee presented the following.

The Market Committee beg leave to report

That by documents exhibited to your Committee it appears the Inhabitants [336] in the neighbourhood of Gouverneurs Slip have raised by subscription for the purpose of Building a Market the sum of 220 Dollars, and that the Market erected there in consequence thereof actually cost 357 Dollars & 75 cents leaving a deficiency of 137 Dollars & 95 cents also that this deficiency has been made up and advanced by Christian Bergh notwithstanding he was the first and most liberal subscriber. Your Committee therefore without enquiring into the propriety of erecting public Markets by subscription beg leave to recommend that the said deficiency of 137 Dollars and 95 cents be reimbursed to said Christian Bergh

They also in respect to the several applications before them, beg leave further to recommend, That Stand N° 17 in the Catharine Market, lately occupied by M^r Vandewater, deceased be granted unto Joseph Hyde for and during the term or interest of the Widow of the said Vandewater in the said Stand provided he relinquishes the Stand N° 6 in the Fly Market he now occupies

[337] That M^rs Ship widow of the late Geo. Ship be permitted to occupy the Stall or Stand in the Bear Market formerly held by her said Husband for one year from his decease provided said Market stands so long

That Elizabeth Kline widow of Leonard Kline deceased be permitted to occupy Stall N° 24 in the Bear Market formerly held by her said Husband for and during the term of one year from his decease; provided said Market stands so long.

That Lawrence Vosburn be permitted to occupy Stall N° 11. Bear Market formerly held by George Goodheart deceased for and during the term or interest of the Widow of said Goodheart provided said Market stands so long.

That the stand formerly occupied in the Fly market by Geo Thompson dec^d be granted to his son Jn° G Thompson he having already occupied it for some time.

That Stand N° 25 in the Fly Market now vacant be granted to William Parkins—Stand N° 30 in said Market to Jn° Deforrest Stand N° 36 in said Market to Jn° Redmon and Stand N° 42 in the Hudson Market [338] be granted to John Scott provided Robert S Clarke the

present occupant relinquishes his right thereto, and further that David Marsh be permitted to exchange his Stand N° 38 in the Fly Market with Cornelius King Jun^r for his Stand N° 46 in said Market, provided Money forms no part of the consideration of the exchange

All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Peter Mesier
John Pell
P H Wendover
Augus H Lawrence
J Hedden

Which was approved, and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant in favor of M^r Bergh agreably thereto

The Committee on the petition for establishing a Ferry at Spring Street Basin reported, That from the great number of petitioners for and against the establishment of a ferry at Spring St dock, they have given the subject full and deliberate consideration and from the best information they have been [339] able to obtain, it appears that the Ferry at Greenwich by reason of its distance from the thick settled parts of the City is not much frequented, and has latterly been but illy attended, and altho' your Committee do not consider it expedient to discontinue that Ferry at present, Yet they are of opinion that it will contribute very much to public convenience to establish the one requested at Spring Street Basin, and they accordingly recommend the same to be established with all convenient speed, and in order to give suitable encouragement to it Your Committee further recommend, that it be rented for the term of Four years at the annual sum of twenty five Dollars but that the Lessee shall without delay cause to be built at the said slip at his own costs and charges a convenient Ferry Stairs, which after the expiration of the term, shall be vested in the Corporation, and remain for public use,

All which is respectfully submitted

(signed) E W King
Augu^s H Lawrence
Jn° Vanderbilt J^r

Which was agreed to.

[340] The Ordinance for a Well in Ridge Street was called up and Stephen Kingsland Solomon Wheeler & Peter F Cisco were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner presented Ordinances, for a Well in Delancey St. between Pitt and Willett St^s and for a Well in Mott St

between Hester & Pump St[s], which were passed, and Stephen Kingsland. Solomon Wheeler and Peter F Cisco appointed Assessors in the former, And Stephen Kingsland Solomon Wheeler, and William Stilwell in the latter

The Council agreably to order reported an Ordinance entitled "A Law for the due observance of the Lord's day called Sunday," and also an Ordinance entitled "A Law relative to the Park" which were passed.

The Street Commissioner on the petition of Robert Carnley, reported, That on examination he finds the work of filling Willett Street so far progressed that one hundred Dollars may be paid with safety, and has therefore applied for it in the usual [341] way, and is of opinion that the Petitioner should have leave to withdraw his petition

which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Sam[l] Stilwell S[t] Com[sr]

Which was agreed to

The Committee on the African School presented a Report, the consideration of which was postponed

M[r] Lawrence presented the following Resolutions which were unanimously agreed to

The Common Council of the City of New York being fully convinced that a Navy establishment is important to the protection of Commerce and to the defence of our Country; and viewing the late capture of the British Sloop of War Peacock by the American Sloop of War Hornet, as reflecting the highest honor on the entrepidity and skill of Capt[n] Lawrence, his officers and crew; and being solicitous at all times to offer the meed of applause to those of our gallant Officers, who thus eminently deserve it, they avail themselves of the present occasion to present the thanks of the Citizens of New York to the [342] Officers and Crew who atchieved this splendid victory

Resolved, that the Freedom of the City be presented to Capt[n] James Lawrence, together with a piece of Plate with appropriate devices and Inscriptions thereon and that His Honor the Recorder be requested to present the same with a copy of this Resolution

Resolved, that in testimony of the high sense the Common Council entertain of the conduct of the crew of the U S Sloop of war Hornet by the capture of H B M Sloop of war Peacock, in the unexampled short period of fifteen minutes, that the Common Council will give a public dinner to the said gallant crew of the said Sloop of war Hornet

The following Committee was appointed to carry the same into effect. viz Mr Lawrence Mr King Alderm Mesier

The following persons were appointed to whom the charge of the Park was given, and with authority to appoint [343] a Keeper viz Mr Lawrence Mr Hedden Mr Smith

Resolved that His Honor the Recorder be requested to transmit to Commodore Bainbridge, the Resolutions of this Board passed on the First Inst, respecting the victory by him obtained and the officers and crew of the U S Frigate Constitution.

Ordered that the Comptroller report a Warrant for $20 for payment of expenses of Jacob Hays in the Suit of Adam Mace against him

The Comptroller, stated that Mr David McMills whose proposals for renting the public Docks & Slips, were accepted on the 15th Inst, having failed to procure such security as was deemed requisite for the faithful discharge of said trust, he in conformity to a Resolution of the Board passed at their last Meeting, advertized for new proposals to be received until 1 OClock this day. Four proposals have been received

The Comptroller is induced to beleive [344] that the want of more proposals for the ensuing year may be attributed to the peculiar state of the Country, which will lessen, and probably entirely destroy the coasting trade, from which the principal revenue of Docks and Slips is derived—prudent men and those therefore, who are best entitled to a prefference in contracts of this nature not assured that the Common Council would either wholly or in part indemnify them for a defalcation of revenue arrising from the total or partial blockade of our Port, may have been deterred from making proposals

If proposals are not made, or such only as the board may deem not consistent with their interest to accept, The Comptroller respectfully suggests the plan of collecting the revenue by collectors or on Commission; he is aware that the project is liable to objections, and that past experience has partially evinced its impolicy and if proposals are made in any measure commensurate with the supposed value, he would not hazard an innovation into a practise, which has proved productive.

[345] It is not to be expected that the collections for the ensuing year, would be a fair criterion by which to judge of the annual value of this source of revenue, however faithfully and diligently collected, as the relative value of each year depends upon the commercial pros-

perity of the country, & the inexperience of the Collectors for the first year might subject them to impositions and casual Losses

If the Board should be reduced to the necessity of collecting the revenue on their own account, two active intelligent and honnest Men, it is presumed could perform its duties—they might report and pay to the Comptroller daily, the amount received stating in a book to be provided for that purpose, the Name of the vessel, of what place, tonnage, Master & amount received, which would at all times be open to the inspection of the Members of the Common Council & would eventually exhibit the amount received at each Slip, These reports as far as it relates to the coasting vessels may be in some measure, checked and proved by an arrangement with the custom house which he would supervise

[346] several proposals for the privelege of collecting the Manure, have been received and are herewith presented

respectfully submitted

(Signed) Thos R Mercein Comptr

The Sealed proposals for the Dock & Slips presented to him were opened, & it was Resolved that the same be leased to James Jones for one Year for the Sum of $19,000 offered by him he giving securities to be approved of by the Comptroller an[d] Street Commissioner

The sealed proposals for the Street manure of the Western and Eastern Districts were then opened, and it was Resolved that the Western District be leased to Edward Hitchcock for the sum of $2854 and the Eastern District to William M Hitchcock for $2575 they each giving securities for the payment & fulfilment of the Contracts to be approved of by the Comptroller & Street Commissioner

Resolved that upon an advertizement being made for receiving proposals for Contracts with this Board, that no proposal be received after the day or hour fixed in the advertizement for receiving the same

[347] Doors closed.

The Committee of Defence to whom were referred sundry Resolutions respecting additional defences for this City and Harbor & proposing expedients for raising money for those purposes. Report &c

That they have hitherto deemed it advisable to wait the decision of the Legislature on the application recently made by this Board, and still pending before them, for pecuniary aid in relation to those objects; that in so doing they have been influenced as well by a sence of propriety and respect towards that Honl Body, as by a desire to

avoid imposing on their immediate constituents burthens which they are not properly chargeable with and which by a short delay the Committee were in hopes to have averted. A crisis however having at length arrived which imperiously demands an immediate resort to all the means of defence which are still in our power, & the committee being of opinion that no farther reliance can be safely placed on an adequate appropriation by the General or State Government for obtaining those advantages in point of defence which they have contemplated feel themselves justified in recommending that a Loan be obtained from one or more of the Banks of this City for a sum not exceeding one hundred Thousand Dollars and in full confidence that the same will be reimbursed out of the public Treasury of the General or State Government as soon as the exigencies of Government will permit. that the same be applied [348] to the defence of this City and Harbour in such manner as the Committee of Defence may think proper, and that they have authority from time to time to draw for so much thereof as they may find expedient. for which purpose they recommend the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorized and directed to borrow from any of the Banks of this City on the Credit of this Board such sums of money as may from time to time be required by the Committee of Defence not exceeding in the whole the Sum of one hundred thousand Dollars and that he pay over the same to their order whenever applied for, which sum or any part thereof the said Committee are in their discretion to apply to such objects as they may think will tend to strengthen the defences of this City, and the security of its Inhabitants. provided their plan of opperation be first reported to & approved of by the Corporation

respectfully submitted

Nicholᵃˢ Fish
G Buckmaster
Peter Mesier
Thoˢ R Smith
John Morss
J Nitchie
J Warren Brackett

Which was agreed to.

[349] The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	85327. 7
Warrants not presented	2960. 9
	82366.98

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Acc[ts]

Holden & Lawrence Watch	498.75
Hedden & Angevine "	315...
Hays & Bogart "	670.25
Farrington & White "	621.25
R Charnley regulating Willett S[t] on Acct	100...
D S Jones Award D Lydigs Store Peck Slip	334...
W Stanton bal[e] due Well & pump Bleecker S[t]	117.40
Jn[o] Randell J[r] Acct surveys	800...
D S Jones revising Laws of State rel[s] to City	250.
J Hardie Sal[ry] to 1 April	62.50
B Hicks " " "	54...
M Ackerman " Keeper Potters Field	28.50
Ja[s] Wallace Sup[dt] Rep[rs] pay workmen	300...
S Gould Law Books for late Mayor now in the Mayors Office	38.50
	4151.65
Balance	78.176.83

[350] In Common Council April 5 1813.

present Pierre C Van Wyck Esq[r] Recorde[r] President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
John Vanderbilt J[r]		Joseph W Brackett	
Charles Dickenson		Augustine H Lawrence	
Richard Cunningham		Thomas R Smith	
John Morss		Elisha W King	
Isaac S Douglass		Josiah Hedden	
George Buckmaster		Asa Mann	
Peter H Wendover		W[m] J Waldron	
		W[m] A Hardenbrook	
		James Palmer	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Fire Engine Company N[o] 13 for an encrease of Men was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department and Chief Engineer

Petitions of Henry W Thorne for appointment as a Measurer of grain, and of W[m] W Anderson for appointment, as a Measurer [351] of Charcoal, were read and granted.

A Petition from the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Fort Washington praying aid in erecting a School House, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Memorial of George W Talbot and D Dunham as Assignees of Robert Kender & Co stating, that in the running of the Line of the

Avenues that Gores of Land were thrown out of their property into the now public Streets and some parts of the Streets would conveniently be annexed to their Lots. they therefore propose an exchange with the Corporation. Ordered that it be referred to the Comptroller & S[t] Commissioner

Petitions of Silvan Bijotal—Jos Husson Ernest L Govort. John Chena and Mary Malamby, for remission of penalty incurred under the Law against setting off Squibs, were read, and referred to the Attorney with authority to remit the penalties on payment of costs

A Petition was also received from Hugh [352] Nesbit praying remission of a penalty incurred by non compliance with an Ordinance respecting a Nuisance. Which was granted on payment of Costs

The Superintendant of the Alms House presented the following Report which was read and ordered to be published in the papers employed by the Board.

Annual Report

of the Superintendant of the Alms House of the City of New York, shewing the number of Paupers that have been admitted in the House from the 1[st] day of April 1812, including those at that time in the House during the same period also the number of paupers now in the House designating their Sex and places of birth—The prisoners and Vagrants in the City prison and Bridewell—The Maniacs in the City Asylum—And an amount of the donations distributed to the out door poor during the time aforesaid, and for the support of Indians and Transportation of paupers.

[353] **Paupers admitted in the house from the 1[st] of April 1812 to 1[st] of April 1813 ..... 2814**

Discharged. 1316 Died 233

Total Discharged and died..... 1549

Remaining in the house on the First April 1813..... 1265

Their Sex & places of birth as follows, to wit

	Women	Boys	Girls	Total	City of N York	State of N York	United Stats	England	Scotland	Ireland	Germany	France	Africa	West Indies	Total
22	468	299	246	1265	624	78	129	82	37	246	43	9	9	8	1265

Number of prisoners and vagrants in City Prison & Bridewell april 1 1813
Men 62 Women 66 Total..... 128
Number of Maniacs in the City Assylum paid for by the Spdt Alms Ho.
on 1 April 1813 Men 23 Women 22 Total..... 45

Donations given and distributed to the out door poor from the 1st april 1812 to the 1st of April 1813 specifying the number of families supplied and the number of persons of which those families consist viz

The number of families supplied is 1973

[354] The number of persons of which those families consist is 8253

Amount of Donations			Wards in which wood & cash was distributed			
			Wards	Ld Wood	Cash	
Cash	2196	2	1	13	$41	25
Cash to French Emigrants by order Corporation	225	—	2	15	50	25
			3	10½	23	25
752 Lds Wood including cartage at 17/ Cartage	1598		4	40	148	80
			5	97½	240	—
Cartage of Do to Distribute	273	77	6	127½	377	38
686 Barrels Flour 6.25/000	4287	50	7	294	703	59
Paid baking Bread	439		8	18	106	50
4630 Bushl Potatoes 2/9	1591	56	9	1	8	25
61½ Barrs Pork $15	922	50	10	135½	496	75
Cloathing to out door poor	178					
	11711	35	.	752	$2196	.2
Cash paid for support of Indians and to Sundry Towns for support of paupers belonging to ye City	297	89				
Cash paid for transporting paupers	604	62				
	12,613	86				

Alms House Apl 1t 1813

(Signed) Richd Furman Supdt

[355] A Petition of Wilson Lyon for Stall No 30 Fly market, was read, and referred to the Market Committee.

A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants in the vicinity of the park in Chatham Street against granting said place for a scite for a Church—was read and referred to the Committee on that subject. viz

aldern Cunningham
" Dickenson
" Buckmaster

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on the Assessment for a Well & pump in Bleecker Street. Whereupon a Warrant was ordered to issue to the Collector for collection of the same

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for regulating and paving the Street at the head of Peck Slip. Which was passed, and John Mowatt—William Stilwell James Masterton—Jehiel Jagger & Edward Taylor—were appointed Assessors

The Council upon the subject referred to him [356] on the 15th ultº reported. That he understands the ground in question is that part of Nassau Street adjoining the House and Lot of ground belonging to the heirs of the late Charles Gardner at the junction of Wall Street and Nassau Street and that the object of the referrence to him was to ascertain whether the title to the said ground is, or is not, vested in the Corporation—Under this impression the Council has accordingly investigated the subject and in the progress of the inquiries which have been made a Deed from Thomas Smith and others to the Corporation for a piece of ground which appears to be the ground in question has been found in Book D page 438 but inasmuch as some doubt may exist whether this Deed was given for the property referred to, The subscriber respectfully submits to the Board the propriety of referring the matter to the Street Commissioner for a survey of the ground conveyed by that Deed with his opinion on the subject

respectfully submitted

(Signed) D S Jones

Which was agreed to and the Street Commissioner [357] was directed to make a su[r]vey of the same.

Upon the report of the Attorney penalties were remitted upon the usual terms to Captns Rammires, and Penoyer, for not reporting passengers

The Council agreably to order reported an Ordinance entitled "a Law to prevent the Military while under Arms from marching upon the side walks of the Streets." which was read and the consideration thereof postponed.

Mr Lawrence presented the following Resolution

Resolved that the Clerk of the Common Council be directed to address a Letter to Genl Izard the Commandant of the City and Harbor, stating the inconvenences which arise from parties of Soldiers while under arms, and recruiting Parties marching upon the side walks of the Streets of the said City and requesting him to prevent the con-

tinuance of that practice, and also to prevent recruiting Officers from occupying the side walks for the purpose of recruiting

[358] On the question of agreeing to the same a Division having been called it was carried in the Affirmative as follows

Affirmative 10.

Alde^{ns} Mesier—Vanderbilt—Dickenson Cunningham—Douglass—Mess^{rs} Nitchie Brackett—Lawrence. Hedden—Hardenbrook

Negative 6

Alder^{ns} Buckmaster—Wendover—Mess^{rs} Smith Mann—Waldron —Palmer

The Council presented the contracts for Street manure of Edward Hitchcock and William M Hitchcock in which

were sureties and also the contract of James Jones for leasing the Public Docks & Slips in which

were sureties. which having been duly executed on the part of the Lessees were directed to be duly executed on the part of the Corporation

A Report from the Comptroller on the subject of several Lots upon the East River upon which Water Lot rent had not been charged was read and referred to M^{r} Brackett M^{r} Waldron M^{r} Nitchie.

[359] Resolved that Edward Vermilyee be and he is hereby appointed Keeper of the Pound at Harlaem

The following resolution was presented by M^{r} Lawrence and agreed to

Resolved that the Committee of repairs be authorised to settle with the late Superintendant Jacob P Roome his unliquidated Accounts and to make him such allowance for the rent of a Lot of ground belonging to him, and used for the use of the Corporation as they shall deem equitable

Permission was given to M^{r} Carnes to erect a Vault in Courtlandt Street agreably to the regulations of the Ordinance in that case made and provided

A Member stating that he should propose business requiring secrecy, the Chamber was cleared and the Doors closed

The Committee of Defence Reported

That they have taken the subject submitted to them into their attentive consideration and under the present prospect of an appropriation [360] by the Legislature for purposes of the defence of this City they would only recommend such objects as in their opinion require an immediate attention.

The Committee being informed that there are in this Harbour between 30 & 40 Gun Boats fit for immediate service but from the want of Men only about 20 are in commission, and that the Commandant of that Flotilla has no authority to augment the number of Men, whereby 15 or 20 Gun Boats are rendered useless. They would therefore recommend in the first place, that the Common Council agree to pay the wages required for manning 15 of the Gun Boats. and that authority be given to open a Rendevous for the purpose of engaging and organizing the requisite number of Men

This Arm of Defence as at present organized is in their opinion highly useful in this Harbour. As it requires some time to dicipline the Men, it is of course necessary if at all adopted to act upon it immediately. The expense attending the manning of 15 Gun Boats will be about 4000 Dollars per[r] Month and they would recommend that in the first instance the Men be engaged for the period of three Months

The Committee have been informed that there are between 20 & 30 pieces of heavy ordnance mounted upon travelling carriages the property of the U S [361] and which are now stationed at their Arsenal in this City. These it was intended should be manned by the Brigade of Artillery in this place; for the purpose of moving them to the different stations that might be requisite, a Corps of Cartmen (consisting of 120 Men) was in September last enlisted for the period of one Year. They are to attend for duty when called upon and receive each $1.50 per diem when employed. as to make this Corps at all useful it is necessary frequently to practice them so as to accustom the Horses to that particular kind of draft and the Drivers to the duty that will be required. The Committee would therefore recommend that this Corps be called into duty twice a week untill the further order of the Board

Under the expectation of Legislative aid & interference in the premises as above stated the committee are inclined to think that the

aforegoing will be all that it will be proper for the Common Council at present to undertake

respectfully submitted.

(Sig[d]) Nicholas Fish
G Buckmaster
J Warren Brackett
J Nitchie
Peter Mesier
Tho[s] R Smith
John Morss

Which Report was agreed to

[362] The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	92803.22
Warrants not presented	2905.13
	89.898. 9

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Acct[s]

R Furman Sup[dt] Alms House	5000.
J M[c]Comb J[r] Treas[r] N C Hall	1000.
C Oneil cleaning Wells	34.75
J M[c]Kay Painting to 10[th] March	23.18
S Green Sal[ry] to 1 Inst St Insp[r]	54.
C E Duncan " " "	38.
A B Holmes " " "	54.
C Bergh reimburse for Money advanced to build a Market	137.95
J Secor Sal[ry] as Coroner to 21 March	15.
J Hays expenses Suit ag[st] him by A Mace	26.
S Stilwell Sal[ry] S[t] Com[sr] to 5 Inst	378.62
J Morton " Recor[s] Clerk & City Insp[r] to 5 & 10[th] Inst	437.50
J Morton to pay bal[c] celebration Naval victories	281.91
	7474.91
Bal[c]	82423.18

[363] In Common Council April 12 1813

present Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq[r] Recorder President

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	John Nitchie
John Vanderbilt Jr	J Warren Brackett
Charles Dickenson	Augustine H Lawrence
Richard Cunningham	Elisha W King
John Morss	Thomas R Smith
Isaac S Douglass	Josiah Hedden
George Buckmaster	Asa Mann
Peter H Wendover	James Palmer
Nicholas Fish	
John Pell	

Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq[r] produced a Commission under the Seal of the State appointing him to the Office of Recorder of the City of New York and having taken the Oaths prescribed by law as appeared by the certificate of John W Mulligan Esq[r] Clerk of the City and County of New York he took his seat (in the absence of the Mayor) as President of the Board.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read [364] and approved

A Petition for a Well near the corner of First & Pump St—And for one near the corner of Pitt and Delancey St. were read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 10th Ward and Street Commissioner to report Ordinances for the same

A Petition from George W Varian for Stall N° 10 Catharine Market—from Dennis Valentine for Stall N° 8 in said Market—& from Isaac Valentine Jun[r] for a Stall in Gouverneur Market—were read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants praying that Arundle Street might be regulated—That Pell Street may be regulated from Rivington to Division St. and for Watchmen at Corlears Hook

Was read and referred to the Watch Committee and Street Commissioner

Petitions from Benjamin Warner, Zephaniah Brown, Frederick Giraud—Michael Faussaur and of Isaac Myers—for appointment of [365] Assistant to the First District of the Watch. vacant by the death of John Conklin were read and referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of Allen Doughty for appointment of a Measurer and a remonstrance against said appointment were read and referred to the Committee on applications. And a petition of Peter Tharp for an appointment to some Office was referred to the same Com[tee]

A Petition of the Executors of Caspar Semler deceased stating that the ground of the Testator is included within the place allotted by the Commissioners for the Grand Parade and praying the board to take some measure as to the disposition of said ground, was read and referred to the Committee on the same subject. Viz Committee on Su[r]veys

A Petition from John J Tallman for remission of fine incurred under Carriage Law—And a Petition from Robert Lylburn on subject of a fine said to be incurred under the Street Law were read and referred to the Attorney.

[366] A Petition from the Inhabitants in the vicinity of S^{t} John's Church, praying that Lamps may be placed in that District was read and referred to the Lamp Committee

A Petition of Grove Coningham praying further time for payment of rent of a house corner of Beach and chapple Street was read and referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of Gamaliel Smith and of Peter Creary for permission to erect Vaults in Sugar loaf Street near the corner of Broad Way, were read and referred to the Street Commissioner to be granted under the directions of the Ordinance upon that subject

A Petition of Caleb Crane for Appointment of a Measurer of lime, in place of Richard Wenman resigned. Whereupon Resolved that the resignation of said Wenman be accepted, and that Caleb Crane be appointed in his place

A Petition of Andres Van Orden and of Thomas P Conrey for appointment of [367] Wood Inspector in place of Henry Crum was read Henry Crum having signed one of the above petitions it was resolved that said H Crum be considered as having resigned said Office after the first of May next. The board then proceded to appoint a person in his place w[h]en Andres Van Orden was duly appointed

A Petition of sundry Cartmen praying to be permitted to deposit manure in the 8th Ward was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of said Ward.

A Petition of William Udall to be appointed a Measurer of grain, was read & granted

A Memorial of sundry Inhabitants proposing an improvement in the Drain in Ferry Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of George & Mary Mills praying pecuniary aid, was read and referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House

A Letter from Cornelius Ray & A L Bleecker Loan Officers, stating, that the property of [367*] George B Ewart had sold for more than sufficient to cover the Mortgage but that the purchasors refused payment until the claim of Rob[t] P Lee Esq[r] was removed—That the property mortgaged by Samuel Kip at Kips's Bay had been offered for sale but that there had been no bid equal to the sum due—that it was again advertized for sale on the third tuesday of the present month, and as by Law the Corporation were bound to make good the amount of the money due on the mortgage they deemed it their duty to give the above information

Whereupon Resolved that the subject be referred to the Finance Committee and the Comptroller with authority to take such steps as to purchase, or otherwise as they shall judge most to the interest of the Corporation

A Memorial from Marinus Willett and Richard M Woodhull Lessees of the Ferry from Willetts dock on the East River to Williamsburgh on Long Island was read Stating, that from the circumstance of the Common Council having established another Ferry in the vicinity of theirs, The Ferry leased to them had been attended with considerable [368] loss, and offering that if the Common Council will agree to rent to said M Willett & James H Maxwell the said Ferry for the term of 21 Years from the expiration of the present term (1 May 1817) that they will agree in four years thereafter to run a Steam Boat on said Ferry—Ordered that the same be referred to the Ferry Committee

A Petition from C Bertholf & Elias Earle praying that the Ferry at Spring Street Basin may be leased to them was read and referred to the Ferry Committee

Upon a Report of the Street Commissioner of the bad situation of the Foot Walk in Broad Way between Chamber Street and the park He was directed to cause the same to be repaired

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for regulating Wooster Street from Spring to prince Street, which was passed, and George Ireland, John Brower Lemuel Skidmore. William Stilwell and Stephen Kingsland were appointed Assessors.

[369] The City Inspector presented drafts of Ordinance for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 954 to N° 980 which were passed.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

* Clerk's error in numbering.—Ed.

Fire Engn Comp No 2.

Josiah Holly—Carpenter—No 37 Cath St 7 Wd
Vce J Dewsber resgd

No 15

Wm J Tillman. Gilder, 28 Bowery 6 Wd Vce H Hixman Do

No 12

Wm H Whitlock. Goldsmith, 123 Cherry St, 4 Wd,
vc M Hitchcock Do

No 32

Chas Gilman, Butcher, Mott St, 8 Wd, Vc H Lounsbury Do

No 33

John R Cornell, Cartman, Broome St, 10th Wd, Vce C Corlay Do

No 39

George Sharp, Merch[t], 177 Pearl St	2d Wd	}	Additional Men allowed by Corporation
Abm Mead, Do 175 BdWay	3 Wd		
Henry B Sickles, Account, 207 Do	Do		
Horace S. Belden, Merch[t], 15 Barclay	Do		
Henry H Sherman, Book bindr, 184 Water	2d Wd		
Harman Westervelt Account 3 Wall St	1 Wd		

Philip F Quereau, Printer, 132 Duane, 5 Wd, Vce Jno Dickson resgd

The Council agreably to order presented [370] "a Law to regulate the sale cartage & Inspection of Manure experted from the City of New York" Which was passed.

The Council also presented a law further to regulate Pawn Brokers &c the consideration of which was postponed

Upon the Report of the Council, penalties were remitted upon the usual terms to Captains Cushing—Carman—& Lloza incurred by not reporting passengers.

The Committee on the Account of the Superintendant of repairs, reported, that they have made a settlement with him and that there is now due him a ballance of $248 48/100 for which amount they have instructed the Comptroller to report a Warrant

all which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) John Morss
Augus H Lawrence

Which was approved

Ordered that the subject for sites for Engine Houses upon the vacant ground [370-A] in Nassau Street be referred to the Committee on the Fire department and the Council, and that they report a plan for the same

Ordered that the Street Commissioner take measures for opening and rendering passable, Washington Street from Morton Street to the State prison agreably to the order of the Board of the

This being the period for the appointment of Inspectors of the ensuing aniversary State election. The Board proceeded to that duty when the following persons were appointed Inspectors in the several ward[s] of this City

Caleb S Riggs Lewis C Hamersly Jeromus Johnson	1st Ward	Wm Slosson Elam Williams James Turk	2d Wd
John Bogert Anthony L Underhill John W Weyman	3d Ward	Leonard Fisher Peter McCarty Robert Dodge	4th Wd
Ezra Weeks Geo W Strong Saml L Mitchell	5th Ward	William Wright Richd S Clarke Stephen Burdett	6th Wd
Beal N Lewis Robt McDermut John Hunt	7th Ward	John Hopkins James R Manley Arthur Burtis	8th Wd
[371] Wm Wilmerding Henry Post Joseph Mott	9th Ward	Jameson Cox Peter Ogilvie Stephen Kingsland	10th Ward

Ordered that 2000 Copies of the Ordinance for the due observance of the Sabbath be p[r]inted and that a Copy be given to each Tavern Keeper on taking out his Tavern License

Ordered that the attorney report at least once in each month, the complaints made to him by the several Street Inspectors of infractions of the Street ordinances

Alderman Vanderbilt presented a Resolution directing the Superintendant of lamps to erect a Lamp at the corner Store of Peck Slip & South Street now occupied by Mr John Hitchcock. Which was referred to the Lamp Committee.

Ordered that the Report of the Committee upon the petitions of the Mechanics Society and of the Trustees of the African free School be made the order of the day for Monday next

[372] The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	104.155.48
Warrants not presented	2,811.46
	101.344. 2

Whereupon warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts

	D Cts
Hedden & Angevine. Watch	315.
Farrington & White Do	621.25
Hays & Bogart Do	670.25
Holden & Lawrence Do	498.75
Wm C Barker 34 Casks Summer Oil	2263. 8
E Jennings Supdt Lamps 1f Inst in full	531.41
W. M Summers Inspr Bread Salry to 9th Inst	98.10
S Brower 1 Qr Subn Pub Adver & advocate	18.75
J P Roome late Supdt Reprs balc acct in full	289.48
R Charnley Balc regulating Willett Street from Stanton to North Street	227.
R Furman Treasr N A House	10000.
J Wallace Supdt Reprs to pay Workmen	500.
	16,033. 7
Balance	$84310.95

[373] In Common Council Ap[r]il 19. 1813

present. The Honl De Witt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
John Vanderbilt Junr		Augus H Lawrence	
Charles Dickenson		Elisha W King	
John Morss		Thomas R Smith	
Isaac S Douglass		Asa Mann	
George Buckmaster		Wm J Waldron	
Peter H Wendover		Wm A Hardenbrook	
Nicholas Fish		James Palmer	
John Pell			

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

Petitions from Micajah Pinckney for a Stall in Washington Market—and from John Hutton for stand in lower Fly Market were read and referred to the Market Comtee

A Petition from Fire Engine Company No 9 for an addition of Six Members to their present number, was referred to the Com-

mittee on the Fire Department with [374] authority to grant the prayer of the petition

A Petition of William Allen for remission of a penalty incurred under the Street Law was read and referred to the Attorney with authority to remit the same

A Petition of Burdett Striker for Lease of Lot of ground at Brooklyn adjacent to those now held under lease by him from the corporation & was read—*& was read* & referred to the Ferry Committee with authority to grant the prayer of the petition

A Petition of Robert MaComb, stating that the Legislature of this State had passed an act authorizing him to build a Dam across Haerlem River from Bussings Point in the 9th Ward in this City to Devoe's Point in Westchester County: Which petition was accompanied with an Exemplified copy of said Act. The petitioner pray'd that he may be *might be* permitted to build said Dam forthwith agreably to said act; and that the City surveyor may be ordered to locate the same so as to conform as nearly as possible with the Plan of the City

[375] Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on Surveys

A Letter was received from Richard S Clarke resigning his appointment as Inspector of the 6th Ward—and from William Wilmerding as Inspector of the 9th Ward—Whereupon the said resignations were accepted—and John Sparks was appointed in the place of the former—and Garrit Striker in place of the latter—a resignation was also received from William Slosson as Inspector of the 2d Ward which was not accepted.

A Letter was received from James Farquhar complaining of the conduct of one of the Watchmen towards him on the morning of the 14th Inst, was read and referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition for paving Grand Street from Rynder Street to Broad Way, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of George Hardie praying remission of a penalty incurred under the Law regulating Pawnbrokers, was read & ordered to lie on the Table

[376] A Petition of John Gardenier stating that he was a Soldier and served the whole of the revolutionary War. That he is now old and a cripple and praying pecuniary aid to go to his friends at Cherry valley was read and referred to the Superintendant of the Alms House

A Petition of Gilbert Burling to be appointed a Measurer of grain

Salt & coals—and a Petition of Abraham A Slover to be appointed an Inspector & Measurer of Lumber, were read & granted

A Petition of the Trustees of the Brick Presbyterian Church praying in consideration of the present situation of public affairs that further time may be given to them within which they are to erect a building on the Lot in Augustus Street granted to them by the Corporation, was read. and Resolved that Petitioners have time until the termination of the present War between the U S and Great Britain to erect buildings on said Lot.

A Memorial was received from Robt Fulton [377] and Wm Cutting stating that they have understood that the Legislature at their late session have not acted upon the memorial of the Corporation on the subject of the encrease of rate of Ferriage at the Brooklyn Ferry and as the time within which they were to signify their acceptance of the lease of said Ferry was nearly elapsed, they prayed the subject might be referred to a Committee with whom some arrangement on the subject might probably be made—Ordered that the same be referred to the Ferry Committee with the addition of Alderman Pell.

A Petition was received from Mary Castelon stating that on the 31 October 1807 the Corporation leased to Catharine Macavie (since deceased) and to the Petitioner for the term of their natural lives a Lot of ground in William Street, that in said lease a condition was contained that the Lessees should continue to reside upon said leased premises

That Petitioner has now become aged and infirm and wishes to reside with her Neice Mrs Degroat, she therefore prays that the Lease may be renewed in the name of Mrs Degroat and for such time and upon such terms as [378] the Corporation shall judge proper.

Ordered to be referred to the Comptroller.

A complaint of a nuisance in Grand St was read and referred to the City Inspector and Superintendant of repairs to remedy the same

A Memorial was received from Henry Rutgers and others, stating, that they were owners of sundry Lots of ground situated between Catharine Street and the Jews burrying ground, on the West bounded by Montgomery Street on the East, by Division Street on the North, & the East River on the South—that to render the part of the City more commodious & healthy and to conform the same to the other parts of the City, they are willing to convey so much of the said ground as will be necessary to widen the Streets within said district on condition that they and their assigns are free from all assessments for widening said Streets. They also prayed that the names of George

& Charlotte Streets might be changed to *as* Market & Madison Streets, and they further prayed that the [379] intended permanent line on the East River might be changed so as to run in a direct line along Front Street from Montgomery Street to Catharine Street—Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on Streets, Wharves & S^{t} Commiss^{r}

The Street Commissioner presented drafts of Ordinances for regulating Pitt Street from Grand to Rivington Street and Arundle Street, from Division Street to Delancey, which were passed, and Ezekiel Bishop. Stephen Kingsland. Solomon Wheeler, Ab^{m} Hart & W^{m} Stilwell, were appointed Assessors in each

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well in First Street between Bayard & Pump St which was passed and Stephen Kingsland Solomon Wheeler & Peter F Cisco were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well in Hester Street, which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector.

The Comptroller presented the following [380] Report, which was referred to the Committee of Finance. The same was directed to be entered on the Minutes & 500 copies were ordered to be published

Report

The Comptroller, desirous, as far as the limited view he has of the concerns and interest of the Corporation extends, to bring into active use its revenue and resources, has since his appointment, applied himself to the consideration of a plan for the gradual extinction of the public debt. He forbears enumerating the variety of reasons which have forced themselves on his mind and which might be urged to shew the propriety of such a measure, from a well grounded belief, that its utility must be obvious to all, but particularly those to whom this Report is submitted

He cannot resist this opportunity of congratulating the Board and the community at large on the unlimited confidence, which is now placed in their credit, and which is so amply demonstrated by the facts, that their City Stock was immediately [381] filled, is at all times eagerly sought after, and is now three per cent above par, altho' its rate of interest is below that allowed by the laws of the State.

It is all important that this high state of public credit, should be sustained, because, *because* emergencies may happen, which, will require new loans, and every days experience, demonstrates, that in

proportion as the credit of a party borrowing is questionable, it has to give an extravagant premium in some shape or other upon the Loan it has occasion to make.

It may be admitted as a general rule and on this basis this report is founded, that the receipts of the Corporation arrising from its stated revenue and the annual Tax, are sufficient to defray the ordinary expences of the City and County, this can be elucidated by a statement for several antecedent years, but is at once simply and readily substantiated by the fact, that the total amount of public debt does not exceed the amount expended for the new City Hall and the new Alms House.

[382] It may be urged, that during this period considerable sales of public property have been effected and the proceeds placed in the public Treasury but by a strict examination it will be found that the amount thus received, will not more than balance the extra expenses incurred for the purchase of some Streets, the widening and straightening of others. The purchase of Docks and Slips for public purposes, and other minor, altho extraordinary improvements of a permanent nature

The state of the Treasury is such at present, that the completion of the new alms House, Penitentiary and Work House, now building at Bellevue will not materially affect this Statement a gradual diminution of expense for the support of that now expensive establishment, may reasonably be hoped for, when the poor are removed and the contemplated regulations and arrangements are brought into full operation; an improvement on the present plan of Watching and lighting the City is now under consideration, and will also if carried [383] into effect, tend to lessen the expenses of those items in future. The gradual increase of the other charges may be met by the corresponding increase of revenue derived from the renewal of leases of public property at higher rates (where circumstances will admit) as the old ones expire and the increase of the amount of the general Tax. which if encreased only as property is becoming more improved and more valuable, will yield a considerable additional sum and its burden on each individual will not be encreased.

Admitting these premises to be correct it is proposed immediately to establish a sinking fund, under the Superintendance of Four Commissioners, to wit the Mayor, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the City Treasurer, and the Comptroller, and that all monies received for commutation of quit rents for grants issued previous to 1804, and if not immediately commuted, the revenue arrising therefrom, all

mayoralty fees, market fees, and proceeds of Hackney coach licenses, be placed in and compose the said fund, and shall be sacredly applied by the said Commissioners [384] to the purchase of the City Stock; and further that twenty five per centum of the net proceeds of sales of all public property hereafter sold positively and if the state of the Treasury will at any time permit, a larger proportion (and unless improvements to a considerable extent are contemplated that will be the case) shall be strictly applied to the same purpose. While on this subject the Comptroller respectfully suggests for the consideration of the Common Council, the propriety of hereafter limiting the appropriations for extra improvements to the amount of the remaining seventy five per centum received for the sales of public property

In order to facilitate the opperations of the Commissioners of the sinking fund, they may be permitted to have a credit with the City Treasurer (when in funds) for the amount of their quarterly revenue, and thus by anticipating their own quarterly payments and being at all times prepared to make advantageous purchases of City Stock, whenever it is offered for sale they will render the fund more certain and productive

It is presumed that by the time the City Stock is by law redeemable, viz 31 December 1826 all the grants before mentioned as [385] applicable to this fund, will be commuted making a principal of rather more than 40 000 Dollars which and the interest arrising therefrom being quarterly applied for 3 years will produce $75 000. The Market fees may be estimated

at	$7.500
Mayoralty fees	1.000
Hackney Coaches ...	508

$9.000 per annum for 13 years and the Interest on each successive quarter constantly and faithfully applied will produce 180000. To which add for sales say 25 per cent, of public property effected previous to 1827 and the Interest on the same..... 145 000

making an aggregate of..... 400.000
and leaving to be yet provided for..... 300 000

Whole amount of City Stock..... 700 000

The leases of 80 Lots 5 acres each Common lands, will expire two years previous to the time allowed for the redemption of the City Stock and might then be sold to extinguish the balance of debt not previously redeemed. Or a law might be passed by the Legislature of the State extending for 10 or 12 years, the period for the re-

demption of the balance, in which time the funds now proposed if continued to [386] be applied in the manner herein directed would entirely extinguish the whole debt. The latter is considered the better plan as there is no propriety or necessity for the present Inhabitants to bear the whole burden of expenses incurred by the erection of public Edifices, designed as well for the advantage and accommodation of posterity as themselves

respectfully submitted,

(signed) Thos R Mercein
Comptroller

Upon the report of the Attorney Penalties were remitted upon the usual terms to Captns White—Mackay—& Tabb, incurred by not reporting passengers

The Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward to whom was referred the petition of sundry Cartmen reported, That by an ordinance passed by the Common Council on the 30th March 1812 all Manure except that of the Contractors is prohibited from being collected on heaps south of the Line of Hammond Art North Attorney & Rivington Streets That the said Petitioners, or some of them continued during the last Season to deposit manure on the ground above mentioned

[387] Your Committee having examined the premises are of opinion that no particular injury is at present to be apprehended from said Deposit of manure & therefore recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted for the present season provided it is not objected to by the Corporation of Trinity Church nor the Inhabitants of the neighbourhood. Your Committee are however of opinion that no manure ought to be deposited South of the Drain nor further Eastward than the center of the Block between Hudson & Varrick Streets. In case the Board permit the said deposit to continue your committee deems it regular so to amend the said ordinance as to meet the case of the said Petitioners (respectfully) submitted

P H Wendover
Wm J Waldron

Which was agreed to & Atty directed to report ordina[n]ce conformably thereto.

The Clerk of the Common Council reported, that agreably to the order of the board he had written to Genl Izard on the subject of Troops under arms marching on the side Walks while under arms, and

that an order had been issued by Gen[l] Izard prohibiting that practice in future

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the subject of procuring Scites for Engine Houses reported, that a new Brick House be erected for Engine [388] N° 11 at Old Slip near the old one, and that another Brick House be erected for N° 9 at the head of the drain in Broad St your committee recommend that said Houses be built by contract under the direction of the superintendant of repairs

all which is respectfully submitted

Signed Wm A Hardenbrook
Isaac S Douglass
John Morss

Which was approved

The same committee on the petition of fire Engine Company N° 40 praying an addition of two men, & of Hook and ladder Company praying an addition of 6 Men, reported in favor of the prayer of the former and of granting 4 Men to the latter which reports were approved

The Law "further to regulate pawn brokers and dealers in the "purchase or sale of second hand furniture Metals or Clothes" reported by the Council was called up, read by paragraphs and passed

The following persons were appointed [389] Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

No 6 — Benj[n] Barker, Grocer, Reed S[t], 5, Ward, Vice James Shotwell, resg[d]

N° 22 — David Wilson, Shipwright, Grand S[t] 10, W[d] Vice Henry Morsland, deceased

N° 33 — Benj[n] Briggs, Carpenter, Grand S[t] 10[th] W[d] Vice Leonard Kline, deceased

A Presentment was received from the Grand jury complaining

1[st] of the Trees standing on the side of Sandy Hill Road as extremly dangerous to passengers

2[dly] of the practice of Horse racing in the Road called Love lane.

3[dly] of the practice of shooting at game in the environs of the City

4[thly] of a Barn in Hammond Street

The first of which was referred to the Street Commissioner, The second & Third to the Police Committee & the Fourth to the City Inspector

A Resolution was proposed and agreed to directing the Council to report an ordinance interdicting the supplying by sale or otherwise any of the Crew of the armed vessels [390] within the waters of this City when on board of such vessels with liquors

The following Resolution was presented by Mr Lawrence and agreed to

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to enquire into the situation of the land of John A Graham Esqr within the parade ground and to report with all convenient speed such measures as may be proper, to grant him the necessary relief, and to have a valuation made thereof for that purpose, if in their opinion it shall be expedent

The Committee appointed were Mr Lawrence Alden Fish Alden Mesier

Resolved that it be referred to a Committee to consider and report the propriety of widening Nassau Street to Maiden lane

Committee appointed were Alden Mesier Alden Wendover Mr Nitchie

[391] Resolved that the Finance Committee and Comptroller be directed to effect the purchase of the Government House in this City agreably to the Terms of the act in that case made and provided at the last session of the Legislature

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	91990.53
Warrants not presented	3019.21
	$88971.32

Whereupon warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Honl DeWitt Clinton Salry 12 Aug 1812 to 12 feb 1813	3.500.
J Humbert Jr 3 Barrels Flour for W Mooney	25.50
Wm Kay cleaning Pumps Drains &c	35.90
C Oneil cleaning Wells &c 6. 7. 8 Wds	64.50
Patrick Hagerty first Instalment on a Well & Pump in Hester St	52. 4
Jas Richardson cleaning Wells 7. 8 Wds	18.50
E Jennings damages sustained in taking up Pump in Murray St	21.50
Richd Furman Supdt Alms House	5000.
	8717.94
Balance	80253.38

[392] In Common Council April 26 1813

Present Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq^{r} Recor^{r} Pres^{dt}

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
John Vanderbilt J^{r}		Joseph W Brackett	
Charles Dickenson		Augus^{n} H Lawrence	
Richard Cunningham		Elisha W King	
John Morss		Josiah Hedden	
George Buckmaster		Wm J Waldron	
Peter H Wendover		Wm A Hardenbrook	
Nicholas Fish		James Palmer	
John Pell			

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A further Letter from Wm Slosson requesting permission to resign his appointment as Inspector of election for the 2^{d} Ward, was read, and on the question of agreeing to accept the same it passed in the negative.

A Petition of John Fink J^{r} for Stall N^{o} 3 Duane Market, and of Adam Hartell for Stall N^{o} 13 Hudson Market at present [393] occupied by Jonathan Skillman, who had agreed to relinquish the same, were read and granted

A Petition of Rob^{t} Crommelin as owner & of Wm Hill as builder of a certain Tenement N^{o} 227 William Street which is alledged to be built contrary to the building act alledging their ignorance of said Law and praying the board to remit the penalties incurred, were read, and Resolved, that Petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions

A Petition of sundry owners of property contiguous to the foot of Pine Street praying that the Sewer at the intersection of Pine & Front Street (which is and long has been a nuisance to that neighbourhood) may be filled up and that pine Street may be raised so as to carry the Water over the surface of the Street—was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner, with authority to suspend the repairing of said Drain

[394] A Petition of sundry owners & of property for a Pump at the intersection of Broome & Mott St and for one in Henry St between Charlotte & Rutgers St were read and referred to the alderman & assistant of the Wards and Street Commissioner with directions to report ordinances for the same

A Petition from John Arthur stating that he had constructed a larg Flat or scow but the same not answering his purpose and believing it would be useful to be applied in cleaning Docks & Slips and offering to sell the same at a reduced price—was read and ordered to lie on the Table

A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants against erecting an Engine House at the head of the drain in Broad Street, was read and referred to the Alderman and assistant of the Ward. and St Comsr

A Letter from the Deputy Secretary of State informing that the expense of furnishing a copy of the act passed at the late session of the Legislature respecting [395] the City of New York would be $80. was read and laid on the Table

A Memorial of John Gardner, was read stating that the Corporation established a Ferry from the foot of Grand Street to Morrels Point at long Island and granted the same to Abm Cannon—That Abm Cannon with the consent of the Corporation transferred said Lease to Memorialist—That he has expended large sums on the Establishment of said Ferry—That the establishment of a Ferry at Broome Street would be attended with great injury to Memorialist —and therefore prays the lease of a Ferry from Broome St may not be granted—and praying to be heard by Council on the subject

Ordered that the same be referred to the Ferry Committee

A Communication from the Chief Engineer stating that much anxiety subsisted among the Firemen in consequence of having received orders to appear under arms in cases of alarm, was read & ordered to lie on the Table

[396] The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

No 1.	Stephen De Camp—Builder Leonard St 5th Wd Vice Richard Mead removed
No 20	Wm Torboss book binder 101 Washingn St 3d Wd Vice Jacob Crum deceased
No 24	John Daddy Sailmaker, Vesey St 3 Wd Vice Daniel Frazee resgd

The Ferry Committee on the petition of C Bertholf and Elias Earl for renting the Ferry at Spring St Basin reported that they have obtained the requisite information respecting the Memoriallists who they deem well qualified for keeping the Ferry at Spring Street and recommend their appointment agreably to the report of the Committee

(Signed) E W King
Jno Vanderbilt Jr
A H Lawrence

Which was approved and a lease was directed to be made accordingly

The same Committee on the petition of Rodman Bowne reported,

That [397] the new Ferry Slip at Brooklyn being nearly filled with sand it will be necessary in the course of the present Season, to carry out a pier, on the Easterly side thereof about seventy five feet consisting of one Block and a Bridge and in case a Steamboat shall be employed on the Fly market Ferry according to the arrangement made with M^r^ Cutting and others it will tend in a considerable degree to diminish the profits of the other ferry, without great exertion and expense on the part of the lessee

That the petitioner has kept the new ferry for many years and is eminently qualified for that station, and upon these considerations your Committee recommend that a lease be granted to him for the term of five years from the first day of May 1814 when his present lease expires at the rent of one thousand two hundred and seventy five Dollars per annum payable Quarterly on condition that he shall within Six Months build a Pier of the above description at his own expense for public use and keep the same together with the Ferry Stairs on both sides of the River in good repair during the term

[398] All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) E W King
Augus H Lawrence
Jn^o^ Vanderbilt J^r^

Which was agreed to and a lease was directed to be made agreably to said Report

The Committee on the petition of Rob^t^ Fulton & W^m^ Cutting presented a Report which was read and the consideration thereof postponed, And it was Resolved that the time limited in the agreement with said Fulton & Cutting for their acceptance of the Lease be extended to the 1^st^ of June next

The Committee on the petition of C Smith and Ann his Wife Executors of Wilkins deceased reported, that they have had the subject under consideration and under all the circumstances of the case they are of opinion and do recommend that the subject of the rent claimed by the petitioners be submitted to Arbitrators and closed with all convenient speed, and that in pusuance of the power vested in them by the [399] Common Council they have ordered the collection of the Assessment of the Petitioners property to be delayed until the making of the award of the said Arbitrators

All which is submitted

(Signed) R Cunningham
G Buckmaster
Charles Dickenson

Which was agreed to and referred to the Council to carry into effect

The Committee to whom was referred the following Report of the Comptroller

Report &c

(The Comptroller has the honor to report "that from an examin-
"ation of the Books and papers in his office it appears that several
"water lots situated on the East side of Front Street, between Dover
"and Rosevelt St (and on which within a year or two there have
"been erected several Brick Stores) are not charged with water lot
"rent—he is not aware that the Corporation have passed any ordinance
"directing the owners of that property to fill it up or make a Bulk
"head, but they having built the Houses or Stores [400] above re-
"ferred to either on piles or on the extremity of the dock, are in his
"opinion to pay rent for the same.

"It further appears that of all the property docked out & im-
"proved in Brooklyn and its vicinity (& all of which, below low water
"mark is by charter secured to the Corporation of this City) Grants
"only have been taken out, for that improved by J Sands Jn° Jackson;
"Robert Carter, and H B Pierpoint and that a much greater propor-
"tion to wit, all that now in the possession of Sam[l] Jackson C Ludlow,
"R Everitt, Kimberly & Waring Sam[l] Thompson & J & J Jackson re-
"mains uncharged with rent

"It is probable that these circumstances have been heretofore,
"represented to the Board or that some of the Members may be ac-
"quainted with the situation of this property, but having no evidence
"of the fact he conceived it his duty to make this statement, in order,
"that if the Board deem it proper, an investigation relative thereto
"may be instituted

"respectfully submitted

"Tho[s] R Mercein
"Comptroller)

[401] Reported as follows.

That in their opinion the said report is correct in point of fact, and that in respect to the property therein mentioned and referred to in Brooklyn, as held uncharged with rent they are of opinion the Attorney of this Board ought to be instructed to proceed immediately to obtain possession thereof according to law; unless the occupants come forward and pay such sums as may be reasonable for quit rent: or for a commutation thereof in fee: As this Committee believe the

said occupants hold the said property adversely to the rights and claims of this Board

And further that in their opinion the Comptroller be instructed to call on the occupants of the said property in the City of New York to take out grants therefor in the usual manner and to make payment of such sums as would have been due had such grants been obtained at the time when the said occupancy commenced; and that on neglect or refusal of any or all of the said occupants the same should be reported to this Board

(Signed) J Warren Brackett
Wm J Waldron

[402] Which was approved.

The City Inspector reported drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 980 to N° 1000, which were passed

Upon the Report of the Attorney penalties were remitted on the usual terms to Captains Baupin & Roberts incurred by not reporting passengers

The Council reported, that he has the honor to lay before the Board leases to William Willis for the Houses & Lots at Brooklyn occupied by Gilbert Van Mater and for Brooklyn Lots N° 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. & 19 also leases to Burdet Stryker for Brooklyn Lots N° 14. 16. 17 & 18, also a Lease to John Garrisson for Brooklyn Lot N° 15 and also a Lease to Henry Low for Common Lands viz Lots N° 37. 42. 43—The leases for the houses and Lots now occupied by Mr Van Mater and for Brooklyn Lots N° 9. 10. & 11. have been drawn in conformity to instructions given to the Council by the Ferry Committee & the Lease for [403] the Common land Lots N° 37. 42. & 43 has been drawn in consequence of instructions given by the Inclenburgh Committee—And the other leases above mentioned are for the Lots at Brooklyn which were leased at the last Sale of public property and are drawn in conformity thereto

respectfully submitted

(Signed) D S Jones.

Which Leases were directed to be duly executed

The Council agreably to directions reported an Ordinance entitled "a Law to prevent the delivery of Liquor to the crews of public armed vessels in certain cases" which was read by paragraphs and passed

The Comptroller on the petition of Mary Carslow, reported, that it appears that the Corporation granted a life lease of a Lot of ground in William Street to Catharine Macavie & the said petitioner on condition therein mentioned but with an express reservation that the lease

should be null and void unless the parties continued to live on the premises [404]That Catharine Macavee has since died and that the petitioner is aged and infirm and is desirous to live with herr Neice Mrs Degroat as She will be much more comfortably situated there than where she now resides, She therefore prays that the Lease may be so modified as to permit her removal and that it may also extend to the natural life of her said Neice as a compensation for the trouble she may have with her in her declining years

The Comptroller conceives that the situation of the Petitioner is such as would render the granting the first part of her prayer a justifiable act of generosity on the part of the Board, but is of opinion that no good cause exists to authorise an extension of the lease beyond the natural life of the petitioner

respectfully submitted

Thos R Mercein, Comptrl

Which was approved

The Comptroller and Council on the petition of P & G. Lorrilard reported That it appears the Messrs Lorrilard hold [405] Leases of three Lots of ground in Chatham & Augustus Streets one of which expires in 1815 the others in 1827 that these Lots have been assessed for opening Chamber Street in the Sum of $380. The petitioners conceive that by the condition and date of their leases (being granted as they state previous to the time when the Corporation by law were authorised to assess back on Individuals the sums paid for improvements of that nature) they are not bound to pay said assessment—yet they will agree to pay the same provided the Corporation will grant a renewal of the leases for said Lots on the same terms, as was granted to Michael Cashman

The grant to Cashman it appears contains a covenant for a perpetual renewal unless the property is wanted for public use—The undersigned deem it highly objectionable to grant leases containing a covenant for more than one renewal & particularly in this case, because the leases do not expire for a long period yet to come. They therefore think it would be more conducive to the interest of the corporation to pay the [406] assessment above referred to (provided the Messrs Lorrilard are by the terms of their leases exempted therefrom than to accept payment from them on the terms proposed

respectfully submitted

Signed Thos R Mercein
D S Jones

Which was approved

The Comptroller presented the following,

The Comptroller has received a communication from Thomas L Ogden on behalf of the Vestry of Trinity Church, requesting a release from the Corporation, of that part of the old Greenwich Road which upon the present plan of the Streets is to be shut up. it appears that the Board by a Resolution passed in January last authorized the enclosure of said Road by the vestry, a copy of which Resolution has been handed to their attorney, but that is not deemed sufficient and a release is required

Serious doubts exist, whether the Corporation have a right to make such release, as the only title by which they [407] held the property, was possession the Comptroller therefore respectfully suggests a referrence to the Council of the Board for an opinion thereon

respectfully submitted

(Signed) Thos R Mercein Comp

Which was agreed to

The Comptroller presented an application from John Stevenson for the upper part of the Watch House in Spring Street which was referred to the Watch Comtee

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for paving Grand St from Rynder St to Broad Way which was passed and Ezekiel Bishop Solomon Wheeler, Stephen Kingsland Abraham Hart & William Stilwell were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for a Well in Pitt Street between Delancey & Rivington Streets which was passed and Solomon Wheeler Stephen Kingsland & Peter F Cisco were appointed Assessors

A Communication from the police [408] Magistrates on the subject of Hackney Coaches obstructing the lower entrance of the Park, was read & laid on the Table

A Proposition of the New York Fi[r]emen Insurance Company to commute for the quit rent payable on certain property granted by the Corporation to Wm Bruce was read and referred to the Comptroller

The Chairman of the Finance Committee reported that agreably to the direction of the Board they attended the sale of the property of Mr Kip at Kip's Bay and that, it going under the sum mortgaged for, was bid in by the Committee, but upon examination it appeared the Lot did not contain the quantity of ground for which it was mortgaged of cource the sale was not binding, but as by law the Corporation were bound to make good the amount due the Board would judge how far it was expedient to agree

Ordered that the City Inspector cause the Drain in chapple Street to be cleared

[409] Ordered that the consideration of the Report of the Committee upon the petition of the Mechanics Society & of the Trustees of the African Free School be postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

Resolved that the Building Committee be requested to assign to the Clerk of the U S district Court a Room in the Basement Story of the City Hall for an Office on or before the 1st day of May next

Alden Pell stated that the Collector of the 10th Ward had desired him to request of the Board a renewal and further extension of his Warrant for the collection of the Tax of that Ward—Ordered that the same be referred to the Finance Committee, Comptroller & Council

Upon the suggestion of a Member the Council Chamber was cleared of Spectators and the Doors Closed

Resolved that the Committee on the subject of a Dinner to the crew of the U S Ship Hornet take such order as it relates to the dinner [410] to said Crew and to the Officers of said Ship as they shall judge advisable

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	98277.15
Warrants not presented	2737.28
	$95539.87

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accts

Holden & Lawrence Watch	498.75
Hays & Bogart "	670.25
Hedden & Angevine "	315.
Farrington & White "	621.25
J Smith Jr repairs to Engn No 3	574.56
B Hicks 1 Mo Salry due 1 May	60.
Lewis & Hall 9 mo Subscription & advertising Coml Advertizer	57.25
D Malcolm carpetting by order of the Furnishing Committee	79.83
J Sherred painting & pencilling Fly Market in August	77.
John Brower Assr Wells & Pumps in Hester & Bleecker Sts	24.
Thos & Geo Lovett regls & pavr Broome St	1200.
H Brush repairing pumps 1 March	70.25
E Genning digging & stoning Well in Church Street	130.60
[411] R Graves survey & Assmt list Grand St	12.96
T R Mercein to pay Bond of Corpn due R Varrick Esqr on 1 May	2940.
J Morton indexing Minutes and arranging old papers—engrossing Laws & ordinances	250.

D S Jones to pay award to G Van Mater for his property at Brooklyn	325.
J Randall Jr for Surveys	500.
	$13406.40
Balance	$82133.47

[412] In Common Council May 3d 1813

present The Honl De Witt Clinton Mayor President

Peter Mesier John Vanderbilt Charles Dickenson John Morss Isaac S Douglass George Buckmaster Peter H Wendover	Aldermen	John Nitchie Jos Warren Brackett Augusn H Lawrence Elisha W King Thomas R Smith Josiah Hedden Asa Mann Wm J Waldron Wm A Hardenbrook James Palmer	Assistants

This being the period for the quarterly visitation of the Alms House and Bridewell, The Common Council performed that duty after which the following business was transacted

The Letter from the Deputy Secretary of State was called up and his honor the Mayor was requested to procure for the use of the Common Council an authenticated Copy of the act passed at the last [413] session of the Legislature respecting this City and that the Comptroller report a Warrant for payment of the expence attending the same

The Council agreably to the direction of the Board presented a lease to Rodman Bowne for the Ferry from Catharine Slip agreably to the report of the Ferry Committee on that subject which was directed to be duly executed

A Petition of Luke Kip to be permitted to sell goods taken on executions in the Street in front of his House in Murray Street near the corner of Broad Way was read and referred to Mr King Alden Mesier Mr Lawrence

A Petition from William Cunningham for a Water grant opposite to his lot at Brooklyn on the East River between Main Street & Washington Street was read and referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of James Chivvis for Stall [414] No 8 Hudson Market was read & granted

Petitions, from William Winlow to be permitted to exchange Stall No 23 Fly Market for Stall No 36 same Market, from Peter Chapple

to exchange Stall N° 16 Fly Market for Stall N° 36 same Market— from Eliphalet Wheeler to exchange Stall N° 22. Fly Market for Stall N° 38 same Market, and from Jeremiah Burk and Phillip Ferris for stands in the lower Fly Market were read and *and* referred to the Market Committee

A Petition from Matthew Neven for remission of penalty incurred under the Street Law, was referred to the Attorney with authority to remit the penalty if in his opinion proper

A further petition from George Hardie for remission of a penalty incurred under *under* the Law, regulating Pawn Brokers, was read and Resolved that petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A Petition from William Ford a Soldier [415] in the 2d Regt U S Artillery praying pecuniary aid to enable him to go to his home in Virginia was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House

A Petition from sundry Proprietors of Lots in Suffolk Street praying said Street may be regulated and paved from Grand to Delancy Street, and that it might be both regulated and paved by one contract, was referred to the Street Commissioner

Petitions of William Ketcham & Robert De Grushe to be appointed assistants to the City Watch were read and referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of William Parker complaining of being removed from the City Watch by Captn Farrington and praying an enquiry into his conduct, was referred to the same Committee.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Greenwich complaining of the dangerous situation of the Road and praying that it may be repaired was referred to the Alderman [416] and Assistant of the Eighth Ward

A Petition from the Collectors of the 1st 2d 3d 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th & 10th Wards praying an extension of the time for the collection of the Tax in the several Wards, was read, whereupon Resolved that Petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

A Petition of Samuel Barker praying the extension of the time prescribed in an Ordinance for filling in certain Lots on Green Street belonging to John Maghee to the 1st of June next, was read and granted.

A Petition from *from* sundry Inhabitants for a Pump near the intersection of Warren and Church Ste, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 5th Ward & Street Commissioner to report an ordinance for the same

A Petition from the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Corlears Hook, praying that a larger Engine than the one at present stationed there

may be granted to them was read and referred to the Committee [417] on the Fire department.

A Petition of David Ackerman for a Water grant on the Hudson River from Washington St to West St opposite to his Lot fronting on the South side of Water Street agreably to a former petition presented on the 9th November last, was read and referred to the St Commissioner and Comptroller.

Permission was given to Dr Smith & D De Witt to erect Lime Houses in Chamber St for the purpose of a Building about to be erected, they conforming to the directions of the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner and of the ordinance in that case enacted.

A Memorial of Peter Schermerhorne praying that the proprietors of Water Lots between Beekman Slip & Stevens's Wharf may be directed to build a Bulk-Head and compleat South Street and also that a pier may be built between Stevens's Wharf & Beekman Slip. Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on Wharves

A Petition of John Van Wart who lost his Leg while in the service of the Corporation [418] praying that he may receive a Tavern license gratis, was read and granted.

A Report from the Trustees of the African Schools of the receipt and disposal of the money granted by the Legislature for Common School, was read and ordered to be filed.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

No 1.	Joseph Hinds, Carpenter 94 Pump St 6th Wd Vice Daniel Creg resigd
28	Michael Dietz Tanner, Hester St 8th Wd Vice John Welsh removed
36	David Haring Carpenter Hester St 8th Ward Vice Thos Rockill removed
	Abm Acker Carpenter Spring St 8th Wd Vice Abm Ackerman resigned
37	Richard Dally Blacksmith Hester St 10th Wd Vice Saml Bell Junr resgd
	Benj Van Hise Shoemaker 18 Chapple St 5 Wd Vice Robt H Gorham resgd
40	Timothy Baldwin Carpenter Mulberry St 8 Wd
	Benjn Davis Butcher Delancy St 10th Wd
	additional Men

[419] a Petition of Henry Rankin & others praying time until 1st August to comply with the Ordinance directing them to fill up their Water Lots & to make Washington Street opposite to them, was read and granted

A Petition of Phillip Freeman, was read stating that he was the purchasor of a Lot from John E West upon which was an Assessment for regulating Hudson Square which he considered inequitable & praying relief, was ordered to be referred to the Council & Comptroller.

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for improving the Drain in Ferry Street, which was passed & John Mowatt Jr & William Stilwell & James Masterton were appointed Assessors

He also presented an ordinance for a Well in Broome St between Mott & Mulberry Street and for one in Henry Street between Charlotte & Rutgers Street, which were passed and Solomon Wheeler Stephen Kingsland & Peter F Cisco were appointed Assessors in each.

[420] Upon the report of the Attorney penalties were remitted upon the usual terms to Captns Nicholson, Pinto, Garrdner, Day and Ferrera for not reporting passengers

The Committee on the Fire department on the petition [of] Fire Engn Company No 13 for an encrease of Men, reported that in their opinion two men should be added to said Company, which was approved.

The Report of the Committee on the petition of the Mechanics Society and of the Trustees of the African Free School were called up, and after some time spent thereon, the further consideration of the same was postponed, and it was made the order of the day of the next regular Meeting of the Board.

Alderman Mesier from the Committee to whom was referred the petition on the subject of the Sewer in Pine St reported verbally that it was not deemed expedient at present by the Committee to grant the prayer of the petition. But they were [421] of opinion that the same should be repaired under the direction of the St Commissioner Which Report was approved.

A Member stating that he had business to communicate which required se[c]recy the doors were closed.

Mr Nitchie in behalf of the Committee of Defence reported. That agreably to the directions of the Common Council they had communicated to Captn Lewis the Commodore of the U S Flotilla on this station the willingness of this Corporation to aid in the defence of Harbor by employing Fifteeen Gun Boats in addition to those now in service. and that for that purpose they would pay the wages of the

officers and Seamen of fifteen Gun Boats for the space of three months provided it meets the views of the General Government and if they would furnish the necessary subsistence and rations

That Captain Lewis replied that though it would give him great pleasure to receive that accession to the force under his command yet he did not feel [422] himself authorized to accept them under those stipulations without directions to that effect from the Navy Department.

Whereupon it was Resolved that the Chairman of the Committee of Defence be requested immediately to write to the Secretary of the Navy and on the part of this Corporation to make a similar offer of their aid towards the protection of this Harbour with that made to Captain Lewis Commandant of the Flotilla

Which was approved.

[423] The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	90955.11
Warrants not presented	2884.11
	$88071.00

Whereupon Warrants were issued for payment of the following accounts

C Oneil cleaning Wells &c to 1 May	35.56
J Richardson " " " "	18.50
P Hagerty balc due for Well in Pump St	52. 4
W Stratton 1 Instmt Well & Pump in Ridge St	80.
R Burchan repors Foreign passs 6 Mo	25.
S. McCormick keeping park 1 Mo	30.
C E Duncan Salry St Inspr for April	52.
J Hardie " " "	62.50
W Ash 48 Windsor Chairs (by ordr Comtee)	48.
S Green Salry St Insp for April	52.
Morris Ackerman Keeper Potters Field 1 May	45.
James Bell, Bread & Beer for prisoners in the Goal on 25 Nov (by order)	10.
R Graves Salry as Asst St Comsr to 1 May	192.50
J J Astor 1 Year Ground rent for lot of ground in Spring Street for Watch House	30.
A Rooke 1 Qr Salry Keeper of the Signal Poles	82.50
Comstock & sawyer 40 Casks Lamp oil	4282.14
A B Holmes St Inspr Salry for April	52.
Thos R Mercein to pay Inspectors & Clerks of the late Election	400.
[424] J McComb for N C Hall	1000.
J Wallace to pay workmen for reprs & Engine Houses	800.
W Fish 1 Qr Intst on City Stock due 1 Inst	10500.

A W Hardenbrook 2 new Engines N° 9. 18 & repairs to 20 others from June 1812 to May 1813..... 3227.61

21077.35

Ballance $66.993.65

[425] In Common Council May 10th 1813.

present The Hon[l] De Witt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq[r] Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
John Vanderbilt Jr		Joseph W Brackett	
Charles Dickenson		Augus[n] H Lawrence	
Richard Cunningham		Elisha W King	
George Buckmaster		Josiah Hedden	
Peter H Wendover		Thomas R Smith	
Nicholas Fish		Asa Mann	
John Pell		W[m] J Waldron	
		W[m] A Hardenbrook	
		James Palmer	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of William Byron & Wife Administrators of Peter Byvank deceased praying payment of ground taken for opening Cherry Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner & Comptroller.

A Petition from the owners and Inhabitants [426] of Lots in Robinson Street praying said Street may be repaved, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition from John Fink Jun[r] praying that Stall N° 20 in Hudson Market at present occupied by Ebenezer Winship he being willing to relinquish the same, may be granted to him, was read and granted

A request of the Medical Society of the City and County of New York to be permitted to occupy the building appropriated to the Board of Health four afternoons in the Year for the Meetings of the Society was read & granted

A Petition of John Redfield stating that he had purchased from John P Waldron the Hay Scales at Harlaem belonging to him, and praying to be appointed a Weigher of Hay was read and granted

A Petition of Henry Bullwinkle praying to be released from a contract entered [427] into by him with the Street Commissioner for filling in two collect Lots, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Samuel Glean for remission of a penalty incurred by selling liquors without License, was read and referred to the Attorney with authority to remit the penalty if in his opinion proper

A Petition for a Lamp corner of Suffolk & Rivington Street, was read and referred to the Lamp Committee

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

N° 4 { Mathew Mandeville Cabinet Maker N° 26 John St 8 W^d vice A Nicoll res^d

N° 31. { Robert Wilson Mason Church St 5^th W^d vice Silas Hopping res^gd
W^m R Thompson guager 22 Sugarloaf St 5 W^d Vice Lawrence White res^gd

N° 40 { Solomon H Marsh Ship Carpenter Suffolk St. 10^th W^d vice Geo Carr res^gd

The City Inspector reported Drafts of [428] Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 1000 to 1010 which were passed.

The Committee on the petition of the Inhabitants of Greenwich praying that Greenwich Road might be repaired presented a report which was referred to the Street Commissioner

The Committee on the petition of Luke Kip reported, that they have received a certificate from a considerable number of the Inhabitants of Murray Street signifying their consent and approbation to have the place requested assigned as a place for public Sales, and considering that those persons will be most affected if any inconvenience should arise, Your committee see no reason for refusing the prayer of the petition, but recommend that permission be granted for such sales at the place above mentioned during the pleasure of the Common Council

Signed E W King
A H Lawrence

[429] Which was agreed to

The Committee on the petition of John A Graham reported, That they find the disposable character of the property is injured by being situated within the limits of the Military Square, and that his necessities consequently make a forcible appeal to your liberality, which has induced your Committee to give the subject considerable enquiry. They find that the said property by the accompanying Certificates is valued at seven thousand five hundred Dollars that it is incumbered with $4000 on Mortgage and $400 on judgm^t leaving a balance of $3100 agreable to the valuation. Your Committee therefore propose

to loan him Two thousand five hundred Dollars and to take as security for the same an additional or second Mortgage, That previous to the money being advanced, The said judgment and the Interest thereon and also the Interest on the said Mortgage should be paid, and that the Warrant be issued in the name of the Council and Attorney of the Board who is requested to examine the Title to the property, see that [430] it is all clear, and that this Report is carried into effect agreably to the intention of your Committee. The property to be insured by John A Graham by the Eagle or the Mutual Assurance Company the policy assigned to the Corporation, the loan to be for three years, the Interest payable annually

Signed A H Lawrence Ch[n]
Nicholas Fish
Peter Mesier

Which was agreed to

The Attorney communicated to the Board the resignation of Benjamin M Mumford as Commissioner of the Estimate and Assessment for openin*d*[g] 2[d] 3[d] & 8[th] Avenues—and also laid before the Common Council petitions to the Supreme Court for the appointment of a Commissioner to supply the vacancy

Whereupon the resignation of M[r] Mumford was accepted, and the petitions were directed to be duly executed

The committee of Surveys on the petition of Peter G Stuyvesant [431] praying that that part of 13[th] S[t] between Stuyvesant Street and the Bowery Road might be opened, reported, that in their opinion the prayer of the petitioner should be granted, which was agreed to and the proper Officers were directed to carry the same into effect

The Committee of surveys on the petition of Peter G & Nicholas W Stuyvesant praying that the part of the First avenue lying between 10[th] & 28[th] Street might be opened, reported that in their opinion that so much of the First avenue as lies between 10[th] Street & the South side of Twenty fifth Street be opened, which was approved and the proper Officers were directed to execute the same.

A Petition on behalf of M[r] Lovett to erect a Vault in Warren Street, was granted under the terms prescribed in the ordinance, upon that subject

The Comptroller presented the following Report on the petition of the N Y Firemen Insurance Company and also upon the disposal arrising from the commutation [432] of Quit rent and not appropriated

Report &c

The Comptroller has the honor to inform the Board that in conformity to a Resolution of the Common Council passed 23 March 1812 authorising a commutation for Water Lot grants issued previous to 1803 several persons have commuted on the terms proposed, which has produced the Sum of about $8000.

He has been informed that at the time, the above Resolution was passed it was distinctly understood that the avails of such commutations should not be placed in the City Treasury, but were to be reserved as a distinct fund to be applied towards the redemption of the Public Debt

No order having been taken on this subject the money has been lying unproductive in the Bank and the loss of the Interest to witt $500 has already been sustained by the non application of the principal

The Comptroller therefore respecfully recommends to the Board that an order be given to some one or more (officers [433] of the Board or others) to purchase on the best terms an amount of City Stock equal to the Sum received for the Commutation of quit rents

He further recommends that the petition of the President & Directors of the New York Fireman Insurance Company for a commutation of the quit rent on property purchased by them of William Bruce be granted and the same disposition be made of the proceeds

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) Thos R Mercein
Comptroller

Which Report was approved and the following persons were appointed Trustees for the application of the monies agreably to said Report viz

The Mayor
" Comptroller
" Chamberlain
" Chairman of the Finance Committee

The Comptroller on the petition of Grove Cunningham reported as his opinion that time be given him for payment of [434] the rent until the 1st august next.

Which was approved.

The Council presented to the Board a Bond of Arbitration between Charles Smith & Ann his Wife Exx of Wilkins deceased. Which was approved and directed to be executed.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating Wooster S[t] from Spring to prince St[e] Which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector.

Also an Ordinance for a Well in Warren St which was passed and Jn[o] Brower—W[m] Stilwell & Lemuel Skidmore were appointed Assessors.

Also an Ordinance for regulating and paving Suffolk Street from Grand to Delancy S[t]. Which was passed, and Solomon Wheeler—Stephen Kingsland & Robert Coles were appointed Assessors.

And also an Ordinance for a Drain on the Easterly side of Broad Street, which was passed & John Mowatt W[m] Stilwell & James Masterton were appointed Assessors

[435] A certified copy of the Law passed at the last Session of the Legislature respecting this City was laid before the Common Council, & it was ordered that the same be printed under the direction & revision of the Council & such a number of Copies be struck off as he should judge necessary.

Alderman Mesier presented an Ordinance entitled "a Law for the establishment of a Board of Health" which was read by paragraphs and passed.

The Recorder presented the following

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to take such measures as they may judge proper & necessary for procuring a proper list of persons in this City qualified to serve as Jurors and that the same be returned to this Board. Which was approved and the Committee appointed Were The Recorder M[r] King M[r] Nitchie

The Committee on police to whom was referred certain parts of a presentment [436] of the Grand Jury reported, that in their opinion an ordinance ought to be passed, prohibiting the firing of guns by Sportsmen or others within the distance of five Miles from the City Hall on Manhattan Island: And that a law of the State to prevent Horse racing being now in force it is inexpedient to take any order on that subject

(Signed) J Warren Brackett
E W King
Tho[s] R Smith
Josiah Hedden
James Palmer

Which was approved and the Council was directed to report an amendment to the ordinance on that subject

The Report of the Committee on the petition of the Mechanics Society was taken up and being read was as follows

The Committee &c report.

That there is no unappropriated ground conveniently situated for the purpose but the three Lots in chamber Street and the Lots on the corner of [437] Elm & Leonard Street

In respect to the Lots in Chamber Street your Committee are of opinion they ought not to be located for that purpose as it will doubtless create a great dissatisfaction among the Inhabitants in that neighbourhood, as they already complain of being much anoyed by the Children of the New York Free School adding to this the ground being of more value than the Lots in Leonard Street Therefore are of opinion if any grant be made the latter situation would be better as the Mechanics Society would prefer it on account of its local Stand being more central and not being so subject to be disturbed in the School with the noise of Carriages

The Lots granted to the Trustees of the African School are situated in William Street nearly opposite Harmony Hall, but the difficulty arrises of preventing the Trustees to commence their Building on account of the unexpired Leases of the present Occupants, as they cannot purchase their right for a less sum from $1000 to $1500. Your Committee would suggest [438] for the consideration of the Board the propriety of granting the Trustees a certain sum of Money to purchase the unexpired Leases which would enable them to commence their opperations without delay

They contemplate to build a School for the reception of 400 Scholars, their views being founded on such laudable principles your committee would recommend some aid should be given them, the amount, if any, is left for the consideration of the Board to determine

all which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Jn° Vanderbilt Jr
R Cunningham
J Warren Brackett

Which Report having been considered it was Resolved that two Lots at the corner of Elm & Leonard St be granted to said Society, a clause to be contained in the grant that whenever the same shall cease to be occupied by the said Society for the purposes of a Free School and if the School House shall not be built within the term of 3 years from this date then in either of those cases the said Lots of [439] ground shall revert to this Corporation

The Report of the Committee on the petition of the Trustees of

the African Free School was agreably to order taken up and being read was as follows

The Committee &c &c Report in addition to the former report on the same subject, that the Lots in question are more proper for the purpose to which they have been appropriated than any in the power of the Common Council to bestow. They have attended to the subject of the remonstrance; and while they think it entitled to consideration, they cannot but suggest that similar causes of complaint would exist in any situation within the City, suitable for the purpose. It would therefore seem unreasonable to drive such an Institution from among us merely because it may excite the complaints of a few. Besides it is a fact of common observation that there is not a better regulated or more orderly School in the Country than the one in question. And we believe, that religion & humanity demand of us sufficient [440] patronage to perpetuate the establishment

From this view your Committee were induced to inquire particularly into the State of the Lots before mentioned; and they find them subject to a Lease upon which there are about 13 years unexpired at an annual rent of 115 Dollars. The Trustees desirous of commencing their building at an early period have purchased and posessed themselves of the Lease of one of the Lots, for about 400 Dollars subject to the payment of about 90 Dollᵃ rent, which is due, and have obtained also the one half of the other Lot, on condition of paying 50 Dollars, yearly during the life of an aged Woman. This gives sufficient ground to proceed with the erection of the School House, which is contemplated to be in handsome Style of Brick in length 60 feet by 40 & two Stories high. There are not sufficient funds belonging to the Trustees, including all their resources, to defray all the charges of building, and pay the rent before mentioned, with the ordinary expenses of the Institution. Wherefore to further the prosperity of so useful [441] an Institution your Committee respectfully recommend, should remit to the Trustees for the use of the said School the rent due or to become due on the said Lots *diring* [during] the said term unexpired; and that they should receive a lease on said Lots on the terms and conditions specified in a Report agreed to in Common Council on the 7th Febʸ 1810.

all which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) J Warren Bracket
R Cunningham
Jnᵒ Vanderbilt Jʳ
} Comᵗᵉ

Which having been considered was agreed to.

Ordered that it be referred to the Council to report an amendment to the Law regulating Hackney Coaches so as to prevent carriages occupying the Street at the lower end of the Park between the lamp Posts.

Ordered that the Building Committee be requested to cause Window Blinds to be put up in the room appropriated as an Office to His Excy the Governor of the State.

[442] Ordered that the Road Committee take measures for placing Mile Stones at proper places on the Island. The Measurement to commence from the City Hall.

Resolved that the Watch Committee be requested to report at the next meeting upon the several Subjects referred to them.

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	97187.28
Warrants not presented	7207.96
	89977.32

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the follows accts

Holden & Lawrence Watch	498.75
Hays & Bogert "	670.25
Hedden & Angevine "	315.
Farrington & White "	621.25
D Stilwell New pump & Reprs to old ones to 1 Inst	69.
E Gennings digging & Stoning Wells in Murry St & Maiden Lane	187.50
E Gennings Superintendant Lamps to 1 May	542.29
S Nichols for New Lamps and repairs to old ones	156.25
[443] S Hardman & others Work done in Roads from 6 April to 1 May	163.24
O Waldron & Do " " 24th March to 1 May	
Bleecker & Bibby Selling Corporan Property Arccts	108.
Chairman of Committee Naval Dinner including Corporation & Hornets Officers	517. 2
U W Freeman Surveying & making Map Inclenburgh property &c &c	23.
J Morton revised Laws of State relating to City	80.
J Luffborrow regulating & cleaning public Clock Church in Rutgers St	33.33
J Hays 1 Qr Salry *1 Qr Salry* High Constable	200.
L Persiany Mud Machine to 1 Inst	229.89
Hardcastle & Van Pelt printing for 1 Qr due 1 Inst	144.
J Burjeau to pay Officers Election	148.50
J McComb Paymaster N C Hall	1000.
Comptroller & Attorney to loan to John A Graham	2500.
	4826.18
Balance	81651.14

[444] In Common Council May 17th 1813

present The Hon[l] De Witt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq[r] Recorder

Peter Mesier John Vanderbilt J[r] Richard Cunningham John Morss Isaac S Douglass George Buckmaster Nicholas Fish John Pell	Aldermen.	John Nitchie Joseph W Brackett Augus[n] H Lawrence Josiah Hedden Thomas R Smith Elisha W King Asa Mann W[m] J Waldron James Palmer	Assistants

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A Petition of sundry owners of Lots praying that the following Streets may be regulated with Curb Stone only was read. Viz Varrick St froom Broome to Budd St Dominick St from Varrick to Clarke S[t] & Broome S[t] from Varrick to Sullivan, and were referred to the S[t] Coms[r]

[445] The Council agreably to order presented an ordinance entitled "a Law to prohibit the firing of Guns within certain limits" and also "a Law to amend the ordinance regulating Hackney carriages" which were severally read and passed.

A Petition from sundry Owners of Hackney Carriages praying a remission of penalties incurred under said Law by not having Rates fixed up in the Carriage & also praying an amendment to said Law so as to permit Drivers to leave the seat and walk on the Foot walk the length of the Carriage, was read and Ordered that the First part be referred to the Council to report upon, and that the latter be also referred to him to report an amendment agreably to the prayer of the petition

A Petition for a pump in the vicinity of James & Bancker S[t] was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of *of* the Ward & S[t] Commissioner to report an ordinance

[446] A Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 23 for an enlargement of their Engine House was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of Dennis O Harraty formerly presented & referred to the Committee on Applications was again referred to the same Committee.

A Petition of Mary Galloon for remission of penalty incurred by

selling in the Market without license, was read and Resolved that petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

N° 4	Henry Frost Ship wright 38 Orchard S^{t} 10 W^{d} James Lightbody Dyer 33 Bancker S^{t} 4 W^{d} Stephen Barker Merch^{t} 462 Pearl S^{t} 4 W^{d} Benj^{n} Bailey Merch^{t} 46 Roosevelt S^{t} 4 W^{d}	Additional Men
N° 9	W^{m} Shippey Grocer 59 Stone S^{t} 1 W^{d} Ger^{ds} C Burger Block Mk^{r} 59 Front 1 W^{d} David Johnson Grocer 9 Bridge 1 W^{d} David Stillwaggon Carp^{t} 22 Stone S^{t} 1 W^{d} John Miller Grocer 120 Broad S^{t} 1 W^{d} Ab^{m} A. Slover Grocer 5 South S^{t} 1 W^{d}	Additional Men
N° 11	[447] W^{m} Lawson Baker 53 Pearl S^{t} 1 Ward Vice W^{m} Morris removed	
N 10	Thomas N Sanford Book seller 81 Fair S^{t} 2^{d} W^{d} Jeremiah Vanderbilt Acct 2 Cliff 2^{d} W^{d}	add^{nl} Men

A Letter from the Commissioners of the loan Office on the subject of Sam^{l} Kips mortgage & of the mortgage of Geo B Ewart was read. A Letter from Samuel Kip offering to pay the amount of pr[i]ncipal & Interest due on the mortgage in one year was also read—Whereupon Resolved that the subject of Ewarts mortgage be referred to the Finance Committee & Comptroller—And it was resolved that upon M^{r} Kips giving security for the payment of the amount due to be approved of by the said Committee that the same be accepted and that the Comptroller then report a Warrant for payment of said Sum due on said Mortgage.

A Memorial was received from Edward & W^{m} M Hitchcock remonstrating against the Resolution of the 19th of april permitting Cartmen to deposit Manure in the 8th Ward was read, Whereupon Resolved that the [448] said Resolution be and the same is hereby rescinded—Resolved further that time be given until the first of June next to the persons who have deposited manure at the place mentioned in the petition of the Cartmen to remove the said manure

A Petition from James Lysk for Stall N° 39 Fly market at present occupied by George Witt who was willing to relinquish the same, was referred to the Market Committee—who immediately reported in favor of Petitioner, which was agreed to

A further petition of Thomas H Poppleton for an adjustment of

his Account for services rendered respecting Canal Street was read and referred to the Committee on Surveys.

A Recommendation of Mary Howley for a Hucksters stand in the Fly market was read & referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Hugh Smith stating that he was a purchasor of one of the Collect Lots, that he had paid the first [449] Installment but that he was wholly unable to comply with his contract & praying that the Common Council would release him from the purchase & permit him to reconvey to them offering to loose the Instalment he had paid. Whereupon Resolved that it be referred to the Finance Committee & Comptroller with authority to take a reconveyance of the Lot & to the Comptroller to report a Warrant for repayment of the money paid by Petitioner on account of said purchase.

A Petition of Caleb Conklin praying to be released from a Suit commenced against him for not filling in a Lot agreably to an Ordinance—stating that he was only a Tenant of the Lot, was read and ordered to be referred to the Attorney with authority to remit the penalty.

The Bellevue Committee presented a contract with Thompson Price for the mason Work of a Hospital & with William Adams for the mason Work of a Work Shop to be erected at Bellevue the former for the sum of $745 the latter for the sum of $900, which [450] were directed to be duly executed.

The Street Commissioner & Comptroller on the petition of G W Talbot & David Dunham reported, That it is proposed that each party choose a man to value 2986 Feet of ground which this Board have to receive more than is contained in the Piece they give in exchange, and that on the exchange of Title Deeds this Board pay the amount of such valuation; which to your Committee appears reasonable, and are of opinion ought to be acceded to.

which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Sam[l] Stilwell
Tho[s] R Mercein

Which was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well in Ridge S[t] which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis app[d] Collector

The Street Commissioner on the petition of Henry Bulwinkle reported That he believes the facts set forth in the petition to be true, but does not think they are of sufficient weight to exonerate the petitioner [451] and his surety from the conditions of the Contract

and is therefore of opinion he should have leave to withdraw his petition

W i R S

(signed) Sam[l] Stilwell.

Which was agreed to.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for repaving Robinson Street from Broad Way to Church St which was passed & John Mowatt, W[m] Stilwell & Jehiel Jagger were appointed Assessors.

The City Inspector Reported Drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N[o] 1010 to 1020 which were passed. He also made a communication on the subject of a sewer in Rector Street belonging to M[r] Roulett which was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the First Ward & Street Commissioner with authority to d[i]rect the same to be repaired in such way as they shall judge expedient

Alderman Mesier Chairman of the Market Committee presented the following Report which was agreed to.

[452] The Market Committee beg leave to report on the several applications referred to them as follows—That grants be made to the following persons Viz

Stall N[o] 39. Fly Market to James Lysk
" " 1 Greenwich " to Geo M Patten
" " 38 Fly Market, to Eliphalet Wheeler upon his relinquishing Stall N[o] 22 in said Market
" " 38. Hudson Market to Simeon Travers during the continuance of said Market
" " 34 Fly Market to Peter Chapple upon his relinquishing N[o] 16 he now holds
" " 36 Fly Market to W[m] Warlow upon his relinquishing N[o] 23 which he now holds in said Market
" " 6 Fly Market to John Schuyler upon his relinquish-[ing] N[o] 13 which he now holds in s[d] mark[t]
" " 6 Gouverneur Market to J Valentine
" " 10 Catharine Market to Geo W Varian
" " 30 Fly Market to Wilson Lyon

A W i R S.[ted]

(Signed) Peter Mesier
A H Lawrence
J Hedden
John Pell

[453] The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Marinus Willitt & Richard M Woodhull & the remonstrance of John Gardner presented a Report which was read & the consideration thereof postponed

The Comptroller presented a communication of considerable length on the subject of quit rents to be paid on the issuing of grants for water Lots which was read & referred to the Committee of Finance.

The Report of the Ferry Committee to whom was referred the Letter of Rob^{t} Fulton & W^{m} Cutting was called up & being read was as follows

That the Committee have had a conference with Mess^{rs} Fulton & Cutting and as the result thereof beg leave to recommend the following stipulation & modification of the said lease

1st That the time limited in the said lease for the acceptance or surrender of the same be extended to the 15 March next and that a Memorial be presented to the Legislature at their next Session praying for an Act to raise the fare of [454] passengers to Four Cents

2^{dly} In case the Legislature should not pass such Act during their said Session the said Lease to continue in force for the term demised upon condition that the Lessees establish one Steam Ferry Boat to be in opperation by the first day of May 1814 and keep in employ on the said Ferry so many Horse boats & Barges as the Corporation may from time to time require—And that the said Lessees be authorized to receive 4 cents for each & every passenger who may choose to pass in the Steam Boat, but the fare of passengers in the said Horse Boats & Barges to remain at 2 cents

3^{dly} It shall not be necessary for the said Lessees to build & navigate more than one Steam Ferry Boat upon the demised premises until the 1st day of May 1819 unless before that time the fare of passengers generally be raised by Law to 4 cents, but a second Steam ferry boat to be put in opperation as soon thereafter as the said boat can be built & got in readiness

A W i R S.

[455] (Signed) E W King
Augus^{n} H Lawrence
Jn^{o} Vanderbilt J^{r}

Upon the question of agreeing to the same it was carried unanimously in the affirmative & the Council was directed to draft the necessary Leases in conformity to said Report & Report them to the Board.

Resolved that it be referred to the Alder[n] & Assistant of the 2[d] Ward & S[t] Commiss[r] to report upon the expediency of causing the Water Lots in the vicinity of Stephens's Wharf to be filled up

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	98349.34
Warrants not presented	7257.92
	91091.42

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the follow[g] Acct[s]

J G Pierson & Brothers for 2 Casks cut Nails for Sup[dt] Repairs	41.84
R Moran Acct pav[g] Peck Slip	100.
J Richardson cleaning Wells &c &c	25. 6
[456] Mark Reed 1[st] Installment Well & Pump in Willett St	63.75
G Thresher Diploma Freedom of the City for Com[r] Decatur	35.
Tho[s] Hazard & 2 Ass[ts] 1 Q[r] Salr[y] due 18[th]	512.50
J Burjeau to pay the peace officers for attend[ce] Polls (omitted last week)	25. 5
R Furman Sup[dt] A House	5000.
J M[c]Comb N C Hall	1500.
R Furman Treas[r] Washington Market	3000.
	10.303.20
Balance	80788.22

Resolved that the Committee of Defence be requested to lay before His Excellency the Governor the alarming situation of this City in relation to the probability of a formidable attack from the Enemy and the inadequacy of the means for resisting a large naval Force. and respectfully to solicit his influence and interference with the National Government for such additional Defence as may most effectually protect this City

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MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

MAY 24, 1813 TO DECEMBER 27, 1813

[1] In Common Council May 24 1813

present The Hon[l] DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq[r] Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
Richard Cunningham		J Warren Brackett	
Charles Dickenson		Augus[n] H Lawrence	
Isaac S Douglass		Josiah Hedden	
George Buckmaster		Tho[s] R Smith	
Peter H Wendover		W[m] J Waldron	
Nicholas Fish		James Palmer	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition was received from Mess[rs] Bailey & Anderson praying that the subject of the Assessment, & of the opening of Chamber S[t] may be referred to Arbitrators which was read and referred to the following Committee M[r] Nitchie M[r] Lawrence M[r] Waldron

A Memorial was received from the [2] Proprietors of Lots in Washington and Harrison Streets praying a Well and Pump may be sunk near the N W corner of said Streets—Which was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner

A Memorial from James Jones, requesting that the Comptroller be directed to specify all the public Wharves & Slips was read & referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of David Medlars for appointment of Inspector of Manure in place of Van Orden resigned was read and referred to the Committee on applications

A petition of W[m] Brown & others for a new Pump in place of N[o] 46 unfit for use was read and referred to the Alder[n] & assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition of William Few for a Room in the New City Hall for the purposes of his office was read and referred to the Building Committee

[3] A Petition of John Ashford for appointment of a Measurer of Charcoal was read & granted

An Application of Richard Sackett for appointment of a Wood Inspector was read and granted

A Petition from William Moore for remission of a penalty incurred under the Hackney Coach Law, also one from J G Bogert for

the same were both read & referred to the Council with authority to remit penalties.

A Resignation of L Angevine as Captain of the City Watch & a Petition of Jacob Parsell for appointment in his place, were read and ordered to lie for consideration

A Communication from Col[n] Willett stating, that he contracted to make Grand S[t] from Cannon to Arundle S[t] for $1000 that three fourths of the work was completed, and requesting that the monies collected for regulating said Street may go towards his Assessments on regulating Broome & Grand Streets, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

[4] The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

N 30 Barnes Underhill Cartman Rivington St 10 W[d] Vice Corn[ls] Harley res[gd]

23 John P Wilson Harness maker 74 Liberty St 3[d] Ward Vice D S Haring, joined another Comp[y]

Thomas Cahoon Grocer Pearl & B[d] Way 6 W[d] vice Sam[l] Gunton gone in the country

W[m] Hart Chair maker 1 Chapple S[t] 3 W[d] Vice Jn[o] Vesterveldt left the City

The City Inspector presented drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed. from N° 1020 to N° 1030

The Street Commissioner presented ordinances for regulating Broome Street from Varrick to Sullivan S[t]—Dominick S[t] from Varrick to Clarke &—Varrick St from Broome to Vandam S[t] which were passed and John Brower William Stilwell & Lemuel Skidmore were appointed Assessors in each

The S[t] Commissioner presented an [5] Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Bancker Street between James & Catharine Street which was passed an[d] Solomon Wheeler—Stephen Kingsland & William Stilwell were appointed Assessors.

Upon the Report of the Attorney penalties were remitted on the usual terms to Capt[n] Gracia for not reporting passengers.

The Council presented the following

The Council of the Corporation has the honor to represent to the Common Council that suits in ejectment were in the last August term of the Supreme Court commenced against certain premises in Chatham Street in the Fourth Ward of this City (which had been formerly leased by the Corporation to Luke Kip) the rent for which was then

considerably in arrear—that judgments were obtained in the said Suits at the last October term of the said Court and writs of Execution thereupon issued; upon which writs of possession of the said premises was delivered by the Sheriff of the City & County of New York about 4 months ago to the Comptroller for & [6] on behalf of the Corporation—According to the provisions of the Statute in such case the *the* Lessee or his assignee may at any time within six months after Execution executed, file a Bill in Chancery for relief and be restored to the possesion of the demised premises on paying the rent in arrear and all costs of Suits

Mr Jonathan Dixon has exhibited to the Council assignments from the original Lessee (Luke Kip) and various mesne assignments whereby he appears to be entitled to the unexpired time of and in the premises against which the above mentioned Suits were commenced and he offers to pay all the rent in arrear with Interest and Costs and requests that a Lease may thereupon be granted to him by the Common Council for the remainder of the term under the same covenants which are contained in the original Leases

The council has accordingly prepared such Lease and herewith presents the same for execution if the Board should order the same, in which case he submits to the Common Council the propriety of directing that the Lease be delivered to him the Council as an escrow with condition that the same [7] be cancelled unless Mr Dixon pay the arrears of Rent which were due on the first day of May Inst with Interest and Costs and execute a counterpart of the said Lease within 20 days from this time.

Signed D S Jones.

which was agreed to.

The Council presented a Lease for the Spring St Basin Ferry to Colo Stevens which was ordered to be duly executed

The Council & Comptroller on the petition of Phillip Freeman reported, that the petitioner is mistaken in supposing the proprietors of the Lots therein mentioned have been relieved from their assessment by the Common Council. All said Assessments except his own have been paid and the parties look for redress to the vestry of Trinity Church from whom the Lots were purchased they therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition and be directed forthwith to pay the Assessment

Signed D S Jones
Thos R Mercein

Which was agreed to

[8] The Council on the petitions of Robert Dawson, H Underhill J. Robinson H Hammond G Davis & W Moore, for remission of penalties incurred under the Hackney Coach Law, reported in favor of granting the prayer of Petitioners, which was approved

The Committee on the petition of Hugh Smith reported, that they recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted & the notes be deliverered up to him on payment of the Costs & Expense of the Deed

(Signed) A H Lawrence
J Nitchie
Peter Mesier
} finance Committee

Which was agreed to.

The Council presented the following

The Attorney of the Corporation in compliance with the Resolution of the Board passed 12 April reports, that during the month ending on the 13 Inst he has received from the Deputy Street Commissioners the following number of complaints for violations of the Ordinances of this Board relative to the Streets viz

[9] Samuel Green..... 12
Charles E Duncan..... 11
Adrian B Holmes..... 4

respectfully submitted

(Signed) D S Jones

Which was accepted.

The Finance Committee on the Report of the Comptroller reported, that they have examined the same and do approve of it entirely and recommend the adoption of the principles therein contained

(Signed) A H Lawrence
J Nitchie
Peter Mesier
James Palmer

Which was confirmed a[nd] the said Report was ordered to be printed

The Report of the Comptroller was as follows

The Comptroller has the honor to represent to the Board that several applications are making for Water Lots Grants, on both the East and Hudson's River on terms which may be deemed equitable to the Applicants and to the Corporation; it therefore becomes necessary that some [10] general principle be fixed, by which to regulate these grants in future.

The reports of former Comptrollers, and the general knowledge possessed by the members of the Board, render it unnecessary to enter into a detail of the origin and progress of these grants—Suffice it to remark that the right of the Corporation to make such grants is indubitable; the only question to be decided, is, the conditions on which they shall be made.

Aware of the importance of the subject, both as it relates to the improvement of the City, and the fiscal concerns of the Corporation, the Comptroller regrets that his other avocations have prevented that deliberate investigation it so richly merits, but the reiterated applications which have been made and are now making, compel him to make an effort to afford such a statement as may, in conjunction with the different ideas entertained by the Members of the Board, who are conversant with the subject, prove satisfactory to the claimants, advance the interest of the Corporation, and further the improvement of the City.

[11] It may be assumed as a fact that all property on the East River, from the Battery to North Street, will, when equally improved be of nearly equal value—and that all property from the Battery to Bank Street, on the North River, will also, when equally improved, be of nearly equal value. Therefore all grants for Water Lots, should ultimately pay the same quit rent

It is proposed to have a maximum & a minimum Rate; the Maximum to be the highest sum for grants in the most valuable and highly improved parts of the City. The Minimum the lowest sum for which grants in any of the Districts herein after proposed shall be made, and that an additional quit rent be paid every seven Years, on the minimum rate, until it becomes by improvement equally valuable with any other, (or nearly so) and then to pay the maximum rate.

The great difficulty is to fix the greatest Sum that shall be required for grants, where property is highly improved, and the Revenue and advantages derived from Wharfs and Piers, proportionably great; and to calculate howfar behind each other in improvement [12] and consequently in value, the several districts into which it is contemplated to divide the City may relatively be, and at what time they wll become sufficiently valuable and productive to their possessors to pay the maximum rate. Circumstances depending so much on the situation of the country, its population and Commerce, at the proposed septenial periods, that it is hardly possible to estimate with any degree of certainty, the ratio of increase each period will probably bear. The pres-

ent war, the embarrassments and interuptions to which our Commerce (on which the growth of commercial Cities principally depends) is liable, preclude the hope that the increase of the City will in future equal its former unexampled growth, and the ratio now proposed is not made under the expectation that it will be so.

Neither would it be proper to have the same rates on the North and East rivers, because property is not so valuable or productive now, and probably never will be on the former as on the latter, it being much more hazardous for Vessels to lie at Wharves in the winter at the North, than the East side.

[13] The difference however would not be so great as might at first be imagined, because the docking out and making of Bulk heads on the Hudson, (where the water is generally shoal) is much less expensive than on the East, where the Water is in most places very deep, it is deemed proper to bear in mind, all these considerations, as it is presumed that the Corporation, while studiously engaged in endeavouring to enlarge and improve the City, are at the same time desirous, that the Expense which individuals have to bear, to attain those desirable objects, should be proportionate to their relative benefit derived therefrom.

It is proposed under all circumstances, that the maximum rate for the East River be as follows.

For every foot in width (calculating the average of the front and rear lines) and in length, not exceding one hundred and seventy feet, to the permanent line, Two Dollars and fifty cents; and for all Lots being of greater length to the boundary line, a proportionate sum in addition thereto.

That the East side from the Battery to North Street, be divided into five districts, as follows

[14] From the Battery to New Slip compose the First District, and as all the property which will be embraced in said district is nearly as much improved as it ever will be, all grants within the same, pay from this time until May 1820 two Dollars per foot, and after that period, two Dollars and fifty Cents, or the maximum rate

That the second district embrace all the property commencing on the East side of New Slip to Jefferson Street and pay as follows

from this time until May 1820.....	$1.50
1820 until " 1827.....	"2.00

and the maximum rate forever afterwards

That the Third District commencing at the East side of Jefferson S[t], shall run to East Street, and pay as follows:

From this time until May	1820	$0.75
May 1820 till	1827	"1.25
" 1827 "	1834	"1.75

and the maximum rate thereafter.

From East Street to Delancy Street be the Fourth District and pay as follows

From this time until May	1820	$0.50
" 1820 "	1827	"0.80
" 1827 "	1834	"1.25
" 1834 "	1841	"1.75

[15] after which the maximum rate.

From Delancy Street to North Street be the Fifth or last district and pay as follows

From this time until May	1820	$0.35
" 1820 " "	1827	"0.50
" 1827 " "	1834	"0.80
" 1834 " "	1841	"1.25
" 1841 " "	1848	"1.75

And after that period the maximum rate

On the North River the Maximum rate to be two Dollars for every foot (as above proposed) that side to be divided into three Districts to wit:

From the Battery to Murray Street be the First District, and as property is very generally improved, and daily becoming more valuable, it is proposed that from this time, until May 1820 Grants shall be per Foot (as aforesaid) $1.25 and after that period the Maximum rate.

That the second District comprise all the property between Murray Street and Spring Street and pay as follows.

From this time until May	1820	$0.75
" 1820 " "	1827	"1.25

after that the Maximum.

That the Third District be composed of [16] all the property between spring Street and Bank Street and pay as follows.

From this time until May	1820	$0.40
" 1820 "	1827	"0.75
" 1827 "	1834	"1.25

and after that period the maximum Rate

It is deemed inexpedient at present to fix on rates for grants of property situated above North Street on the East, and Bank Street

on the North River, or for the property at Brooklyn, and the Shores adjacent to this City, as applications for such are not numerous, and can be granted when applied for on such conditions as the time and experience dictate

respectfully submitted

(Signed) Thos R Mercein Comptr

A Communication was received from William Bridges respecting the situation of a Ferry at the Foot of Delancy St which was read and ordered to lie for consideration

A Petition from Ann Noble for a Tavern License gratis. was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

[17] Alderman Douglass from the Watch Committee reported verbally that the committee could not agree on a person for an assistant of the Watch of the 1st District and delivered the applications back to the Board, who went into a Ballot for an assistant to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of John Conklin when it appeared that Isaac Myers was duly elected

Alderman Fish on behalf of the Committee of Defence stated that agreably to the order of the Board they had communicated to the Secretary of the Navy the consent of the Common Council to pay the wages of the men for 15 gunboats, that they had received an answer from the same stating that agreably to the regulations of the Department they could not order into service the Boats unless the Corporation would pay & maintain the men, & that considering the state of affairs the Comtee recommend that the Com Council agree to accept the proposal & to man & vitual 15 Gunboats for the space of three months—Which was agreed to.

Upon Motion of Alderman Mesier Resolved that the Committee of Defence be requested to draft a respectful Memorial to Congress on the subject of the Defence of this Port to be reported to the Board at their next meeting.

[18] Resolved that it be referred to a select Committee to enquire into the propriety of Widening Thames St from Broad Way to Greenwich Street and to report thereon to the Board with all convenient speed.

Committee appointed were. The Aldermen and Assistants of the 1st & 3d Wards & St Comssr

Ordered that the Comptroller forthwith draw a Warrant in favor of the Commissioners of the Loan Office to loan Samuel Kip on Mortgage on certain conditions for $2240.

Resolved that the Board meet at the City Hall on Wednesday the 26th Inst for the purpose of visiting the Fortifications at the Narrows

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$96235.52
Warrants not presented	2857.14
	$93378.38

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts

Holden & Lawrence Watch	498.75
Farrington & White "	621.25
Hays & Bogert "	670.25
Angevine & Hedden "	315.00
[19] Henry Brush repairs to Pumps in the 7th & 10th Wards	47.87
Thos Franklin 1 Qr Salry as Chief Engr & cash paid for use of Lot of ground for an Engine House	210.00
B Skaats 1 Qr Salry for himself & two Assistants & contgt Expenses	266.87
Joel Hart 1 Qr Subscripn to Statesman	18.75
Thos Hazard Services Marshals and Constables	129.37
Jno Macomb Paymaster N C Hall	1000.
D S Jones. for Cornls Ray & A L Bleecker for Saml Kips property at Kip's Bay Mortgaged	2240.00
	$6.018.11
Balance	$87,360.27

[20] In Common Council May 31 1813.

present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Mayor President

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Augusn H Lawrence	Assistants
John Vanderbilt Jr		John Nitchie	
Richd Cunningham		Elisha W King	
Isaac S Douglass		Josiah Hedden	
George Buckmaster		Thos R Smith	
Nicholas Fish		James Palmer	
		Wm J Waldron	
		Wm A Hardenbrook	
		Asa Mann	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved.

A Remonstrance from E J Pinkney and others against the permission given to Luke Kip to sell goods at auction in Murray Street was read and ordered to lie for consideration

A Communication from W^m Schultz offering the Patent right of a Machine in[v]ented by him for spinning, was read & referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House

[21] A Petition of Hugh Smith respecting one of the Collect Lots purchased by him of A Lynch & praying relief was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition of G Van Buskirk praying relief from a penalty incurred under the Street Law, was read & referred to the Attorney with power to remit the same.

A Petition of Wynant Debevoise for permission to keep a vitualling Table corner of Albany Basin, was read, and Resolved Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A petition of Thomas Cosgrove for remission of penalty incurred under Market Law was read & referred to M^r Hedden.

A Petition from sundry Owners of Lots in the 5^th Ward in the neighbourhood of Laight Street praying a reduction of Water Lot rent was read and ordered to lie on the table

A Remonstrance of the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Pitt Street against the deposit of [22] manure in their neighbourhood, was read and ordered to lie on the Table

A Petition of John Brets for an appointment as a Measurer of Lumber was read and granted.

A Petition of John Downs for relief from a penalty incurred under the Street Law was read and referred to the Attorney with authority to remit the same

A Communication from M Guest to Alder^n Vanderbilt, requesting to be informed if Susanah Thompson (a pauper said to be chargeable [to] the City of New York can be maintained at the Expense of this corporation in New Jersey, was read & referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House

A Petition of Nicholas Stagg for appointment of a Wood Inspector was read & referred to the Committee on applications

Two Memorials from sundry Freeholders in the vicinity of Corlears Hook remonstrating against an extension of the Lease of the [23] Ferry at Delancy Street to Mess^rs Willett & Woodhull, were read & referred together with the former Report on that subject to the Ferry Committee

The following Letters were laid before the Board, being answers to certain Letters written by the request of the Corporation to Capt^ns Bainbridge & Lawrence

Letter to Captn Bainbridge

N Y April 2 1813

Comdr Wm Bainbridge

Sir

It is with the highest satisfaction I communicate to you the enclosed Resolution of the Common Council of this City. You will receive it as one of those evidences of attention and gratitude which our Country is proud to shew to those who have so eminently distinguished themselves by their gallantry and valor

With my congratulations for the past and my best wishes for your future success

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obd Servt

(Signed) Pierre C Van Wyck

[24] Letter to Captn Lawrence

Capt James Lawrence

Sir

It is with great pleasure that I execute the very flattering duty imposed on me by the Common Council in communicating to you the enclosed Resolutions

The brilliant victory obtained by yourself and those under your command has afforded to that Honl body another opportunity of manifesting their readiness to distinguish merit, and to bestow the highest compliment in their power upon one whom they consider so justly entitled to it

Altho it is unnecessary for me to add anything to the sentiments contained in their Resolutions & fully conscious that to the feelings of brave men the applause of their Country is the highest and most grateful of all rewards. yet I can-not but express a hope that a Harvest of Laurels will *will* not be the only Boon which the gratitude of a free Nation bestows on its defenders

The contemplation of the American character exalted to unrivalled Glory on the Ocean ought no longer to be sullied by the reflection that those [who] have atchieved it are treated with neglect. & that the proud impulses of Justice & Generosity are stifled by the calculations of political œconomists

With a tender of my sincere congratulations for you[r] success & assurances of my perfect respect & esteem

I am &c

(signed) Pierre C V^n Wyck

[25] Answer of Capt^n Bainbridge

U S Frigate Constitution

Sir

The Resolution of the Common Council of the City of New York, in favor of my-self, the officers & crew of the Frigate Constitution relative to our conduct in the Action with the British Frigate Java, has been thro' you gratefully received. Permit me Sir, to convey thro' the same channel to that highly respectable body, the Common Council, my warmest acknowledgments, for the honor they have personally done me in presenting to me the Freedom of the City of New York, and in giving me a place in the Gallery of Portraits of that City—Such distinguished favors from a City, in which I spent many happy days of my juvenile years could not fail to make a just penetration on my feelings and to command my best wishes for the prosperity and happiness of its Inhabitants

For the very friendly participation which you take in communicating the Resolution I beg you to accept assurance of the sincere esteem and high respect with which I have the honor to be &c

P C V^n Wyck Esq^r (Sig^d) W^m Bainbridge

[26] Answer of Capt^n Lawrence

U S Ship Hornet

Sir april 13 1813

I have been honored with your polite letter of the 1^st Inst enclosing the Resolution passed by the Common Council of the City of New York on the 29^th of March last approbatory of the conduct of myself and the Officers and Crew of the Hornet during the Engagement with his B M Sloop of War Peacock. For these tes[ti]monials of public regard from such a respectable and honorable body I cannot but feel the sincerest gratitude, and I assure you Sir I shall ever esteem the honors that have been so liberally awarded by the Common Council of the City of New York as amongst the highest & most valuable which my country can bestow, In these sentiments I am cordially reciprocated by the Officers & Crew I have the honor to command and they

trust (with myself) to future opportunities to become more worthy of the destinguished honors which have been already conferred

For your Individual good wishes & [27] congratulations I beg you to accept my sincere thanks

With sentiments of sincere respect and esteem I have the honor to be &

(Sig^{d}) James Lawrence

P C Van Wyck Esq^{r}

A Communication from W^{m} Bridges respecting certain Lots in Front and Water Streets, was read & referred to the Alder^{n} & Assistant of the Ward & St Com^{rs}

The City Inspector presented Drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N^{o} 1030 to 1050. which were passed.

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for a Well & pump in Harrison Street, which was passed & John Brower—W^{m} Stilwell & Lemuel Skidmore were appointed Assessors

Also an Assessment for a Pump in Willett Street which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector

The Committee on Wharves piers & Slips [28] on the petition of Peter Schermerhorn Reported that they have viewed the premises and are of an opinion that it would be improper under the present situation of our affairs to compel the owners of the water Lots between Beekman & Pecks Slip to make Front Street at the present time

(Signed) G Buckmaster
R Cunningham

Which was agreed to

The Committee on the petition of D Ackerman reported, that they were of opinion that the request of the Petitioner ought to be granted

(Signed) Sam^{l} Stilwell S^{t} Com^{rs}
Tho^{s} R Mercein

Which was agreed to

The Committee of Charity on the Petition of Ann Noble reported verbally against the prayer of Petitioner, which was agreed to.

The following person was appointed a Fireman the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy

N^{o} 33. W^{m} Green, Cartman, Division & Essex S^{t} 10 W^{d} V^{c} B Underhill resg^{d}

[29] Alderman Fish from the Committee of Defence presented a Draft of a Memorial to the Gen^{l} Government on the Defence of New

York agreably to the order of the Board on Monday last, which was as follows

To the Hon[l] the Senate and House of representatives of the Congress of the United States

The Common Council of the City of New York in behalf of the the People of that City most respectfully represent

That having made application to different constituted authorities for the protection of this City and still finding it in a very critical and exposed situation they consider it their solemn and indispensable duty to make this representation in the last resort to the constitutional guardians of the common defence and general welfare

When the Constitution of the United States guarrantees each state against invasion it undoubtedly declares that all the means in the power of the National Government shall be used for the purpose of Defence. In calling upon the Senate [30] & House of Representatives to perform the guarrantee enjoined by the federal compact we wish to be explicitly understood that we solicit no partial indulgence or particular favor

The great portion of Revenue which is collected in this City—The valuable commerce which has been carried on—The immense wealth which is here accumulated, and the extensive & severe distress which might be produced in this part of the Union, must render it an object of the first importance to the policy as well as the cupidity of the Enemy to make a successful attack upon this place

And when it is considered that hostile Ships of War are at this moment cruising within 25 Miles of this City and that with a favorable Wind Ships of the line can come up to our Wharves in two hours, from the Ocean, it must be admitted that there is as great if not greater reason to apprehend danger here than at those places on the Waters of the Delaware and the Chesapeak which have been menaced by the approaches of the Enemy

With full confidence in the Commanding [31] Officer assigned to this place and without the most distant intention of criminating any branch of the Government, we still deem it our duty to state in the most explicit manner, that we are now in a more dangerous situation than we have been in for a number of years; the number of Men stationed in the different Forts is totally inadequate, and no call has been made upon the Militia to supply the deficiency: In this last respect we are peculiarly situated for while less exposed places in other parts of the Union are protected by Militia called out at the Expense

of the United States, we are deprived of this mode of defence; and while we readily admit that large Expenditures have been made for the Erection of Fortifications in this Port, Yet we are at the same time constrained to state, that the important works on Hendricks Reef on the adjoining heights of Long Island at Sandy Hook, at the Battery on this Island, & at Fort Ganzevoort are in a very imperfect state—and the pass to this City by the Sound is entirely undefended and it is now well understood that a Ship of the line can approach us in that [32] d[i]rection with very inconsiderable risk as to the Navigation

To enter into a more detailed account of our situation would be unecessary & perhaps improper; But as we consider the object of this Memorial of the highest importance to the prosperity of this City and the extensive Country with which it is connected by commerce and the ties of mutual Interest, We have authorised a Committee of this Board to repair with it to the seat of the national Government and to make such other respectful representation as the urgency of the case and our very critical situation imperiously require. And they will be specially charged to state to your honorable Body; That every measure in the power of your Memorialists will be promptly adopted to promote the means of defence prescribed by the general government —And we are fully persuaded that our fellow citizens will also cheerfully and unanimously cooperate

& your Memorialists &c &c

Which was approved and ordered to be duly authenticated—and it was Resolved that Alderman Mesier & Mr King be a [33] Committee to wait on the President of the U S & present the said Memorial.

The Committee on Surveys on the Petition of Peter G Stuyvesant reported that in their opinion it would be proper to open Avenue A from the Northerly side of North Street to the East River and do therefore recommend the same

(Signed) Peter Mesier
J Nitchie
Nichl Fish
Wm A Hardenbrook
Wm J Waldron

Which was agreed to & referred to the Council to cause the same to be opened agreably to the Report

Alderm Fish presented accounts for the Experiments made by order of the Board on a Bomb Shell invented by R Berrian which were referred to the Comptroller to report a warrant for the same.

Resolved that the Commissioners of the Loan Office be requested previously to loaning money on mortgage to require [34] from the Applicants for money a certificate from the Attorney of this Board stating that he has investigated the title to the land offered in pledge and finds it unincumbered and of sufficient value to justify the amount of the Loan the Expense of such investigation to be paid by the applicant.

Mr Lawrence from the Committee on Finance presented the following Resolution

Whereas certain small expenses are incidental to the meeting of Committees of this Board at the Alms House

Therefore Resolved that the Comptroller be authorised to report a Warrant for a Sum not exceding two hundred Dollars Annually in favor of the Superintendant of the Alms House to defray the said Expenses, and that the Superintendant annually account for the same to the Committee of Finance.

Which was agreed to.

Alderm Mesier from the Market Committee stated, that the Washington Market was not in a state to receive the Butchers

[35] Whereupon ordered that the Market Committee make temporary arrangements for the Butchers near the Old Hudson Market.

Ordered that it be referred to the Council & Comptroller to report a plan for the collection of Tax due & uncollected

Resolved that the Committee appointed for furnishing a List of Jurors be authorized to take a census & add the Number of the Houses.

Upon the suggestion of Alderm Fish. Resolved that a Warrant for Fifteen thousand Dollars be issued for payment of the Wages of the Men employed in the Gun Boats—paid by the Corporation

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	97106.89
Warrants not presented	1342.14
	95.764.75

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following acctª

Jameson Cox Services as special Justice to 26th Inst	191.78
[36] Josiah Hedden Se[r]vices Spel Justic[e] 26th Inst	191.78
Christian Shultz 1 Qr Salr Spl Justt	250.
B Obleinis 1 Qr Salry Clerk Police Office	250.
R Stephens " " Asst " " "	125.

J Hays for police Officers extra services	252.48
C E Duncan St Inspr for May	52.
S Green " "	52.
A B Holmes " "	52.
B Hicks Asst City Inspr	62.
M Ackerman Keepr Potters field	46.50
J C Totten Stationary St Comsr Office	10.75
M Burnham 6 Mo Subn Evs Post	37.50
D S Jones Atty 20 feby to 20 May balc acct	76. 5
J Williams Acct regulas Wooster St	65.
J McKie balc due ground for Washington St	120.
Richd Furman N Alms House	10000.
J Wallace Supdt Reprs to purchase Sunds for Wells	1000.
M Willett amt cont regulating Grand St	1000.
J Randall for su[r]veys by order Comte	500.
Thos R Mercein for Defence	15000.
	29.334.84
Balance	66429.91

[37] In Common Council June 7 1813

present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Richard Cunningham	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
Charles Dickenson		Augusn H Lawrence	
John Morss		Thos R Smith	
Isaac S Douglass		Josiah Hedden	
George Buckmaster		Asa Mann	
Peter H Wendover		Wm J Waldron	
Nicholas Fish		Wm A Hardenbrook	
John Pell.		James Palmer	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of John N Luff for permission to dig a Vault in Warren St was read and granted on the usual terms

A Petition of the Inhabitants in Henry & Catharine Street for a Pump at the intersection of said Sts was referred to the Alderman & Asst of the Ward who immediately reported in favor of the Petition [38] & presented an ordinance for the same which was passed, and John Brower Lemuel Skidmore & Wm Stilwell were appointed Assessors.

A Petition of Richard Hart & others praying suspension of the Law regulating manure was read & referred to the Aldermen &

Assistants of the 7th & 8th Wards—and the operation of the Law suspended until the Committee Report.

A Petition of William Bryan & others praying relief from loss sustained by the late fire in Bancker St was read & referred to the Committee of Charity

A Petition of James Nichols for relief from penalty incurred under Street Law was read & referred to the Attorney with power to remit.

A Petition was received from Hoffman & Glass for the Corporation to assign them a place for the sale of a quantity of Hides at auction, which was read. Whereupon Resolved, that the memorialists be authorized [39] to sell said Hides at any place to be designated by the Board of Health North of the Line designated in the 29th Section of the Act entitled "an Act to provide against infectious & pestilential diseases passed 8th april 1811" under such restrictions as the said Board may prescribe.

The Council presented the following

The Council of the Corporation has the honor to communicate to the Common Council that Mr John Hone who was appointed by the Supreme Court at the last term thereof one of the Commissioners of Estimate & assessment to widen and improve Nassau Street has declined to act under that appointment. The Counsel has thereupon prepared a Petition from the Common Council addressed to one of the Judges of the said Court (who is now in this City) praying for the appointment of some competent person to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr Hone Which petition is herewith presented to the Board for Execution

(signed) D S Jones.

[40] which was accepted and the Petition ordered to be duly executed & transmitted to the Judge of the Supreme Court.

He also presented a Lease to J Stevenson for the upper part of the Watch House in Spring St which was ordered to be duly executed

A Petition for a Well & Pump at the intersection of Mulberry & Spring Streets was read & referred to the Alderm & Asst of the Ward & St Commissioner

A Petition of James Jones for a Water Lot grant corner Dover St was read & referred to the Comptroller.

Petitions from P B Vandervoort—R Kirby & Henry Shaumburg for time to fill up certain Lots, was read and referred to the Attorney with directions to discontinue suits, & time was given for 3 months.

A Petition for a Pump in Orchard Street was read and referred to the Alder[n] & Assistant of the Ward and [41] Street Commissioner

A Petition of Elijah Guion for relief from penalty incurred under the building Law was read and referred to the Attorney with a request to discontinue suits on payment of Costs.

A Petition of Peter Van Blarcum for appointment as Measurer of Charcoal was read and granted

A Petition of Sampson Benson for relief sustained by loss of Wood, cut by Surveyors under the authority of the Commissioners for laying out Streets and Roads was read and referred to the Committee on Surveys.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the 6[th] Ward for a Pump in Grand St was read and referred to the Alder[n] & Ass[t] of the Ward & St Commissioner

A Petition of J Blanck and others for a new Bridge over the Drain in Varrick St was read and referred to the Alderman [42] & assistant of the Ward & St Commissioner

A further Petition of the Inhabitants of Warren & Church S[t] was presented, praying that the Pump granted by the Common Council may be placed in Chamber instead of Warren St, which was read & granted

The following Communication from the Mechanics Society was read and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes

To the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of N York

Gent[n]

A Meeting of the Mechanic's Society was held at their Hall on Wednesday Evening last—when the Chairman of the School Committee reported the Resolution of the Hon[l] the Common Council granting 2 Lots of ground the corner of Elm & Leonard St for the use of a School for the Society on certain conditions therein Expressed. it was therefore

Resolved that the Society gratefully accept the said Lots and that the thanks of the Society be returned to the Hon[l] the [43] *the* Corporation for the liberal grant of the same

N Y June 7 1813 (sgned) Peter Sharpe presd[t]

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Grand Street praying that Lamps may be placed in said street was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for regulating Division Street from Arrundle to grand Street which was confirmed

and Solomon Wheeler—Stephen Kingsland & Robert Coles were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating Pitt St from Grand to Rivington St which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

F Engn Comp No 21

Henry G Fowler. Clerk 79 Beekman St 2 Wd Vice J Dodge left City

[44] 26 Jameson Cox, Baker, 15 Charlotte St 7 Wd Vice Joseph Vail entd army

29. John West, Carpenter, Hammond St 8th Wd Vice Abm Vanmaker left City

The City Inspector presented Drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from No 1050 to 1060 which were passed

The Lamp Committee on the Petition of Mrs Kelly reported. That the general facts stated in the petiton are true That the number of public Lamps at the time of the Contract were 1892 to have kept which in repair would have for the Year, amounted to $591.25 of which term only one Month had expired the amount for which time would be $49.27. but from the extra Lamps repaired in the time and the probability that the expense would not thereafter have been so great to the Contractor your Committee recommend that the sum of $101.17 including a charge for signal Lamps, be paid as a full settlement with the Estate of the late [45] John Kelly, whenever the Widow or other person in behalf of the Estate shall be legally authorized to receive the same

(Signed) R Cunningham
P H Wendover
Josiah Hedden

Which was agreed to, and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant for the same.

Upon the Report of the Attorney penalties were remitted on the usual terms to Captn Martinez for not reporting passengers.

The Council and Comptroller on the subject of the Plan for collection of Taxes due—reported that they respectfully recommend to the Board—That warrants be issued to the Collectors of the several Wards for the collection of the arrears of the Taxes imposed upon

the real estate of the respective wards—The said Collectors making the previous affidavits required by Law for that purpose and giving security for the faithful performance of their duty.

[46] The Committee beg leave to add that the deficiencies of each Ward are as usual to be added to the Sum to be raised in Such Ward and the arrears when collected are to be credited to the said ward.

respect^ly sub^mt

(Signed) D S Jones
Tho^s R Mercein

Which was agreed to.

The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Theodorus Bailey & Elbert Anderson Jun^r praying that the questions relative as well to the assessment imposed on the residue of the Lots leased by them from the Corporation, part of whch were taken to extend Chamber to Chatham Street; as to the apportionment of the rent reserved on those Lots by the lease, be submitted to arbitrators, by them to be determined; Reported—That in the case of Michael Cashman a Lessee of the Corporation bound in his lease by a covenant precisely similar, the Supreme Court have [47] recently determined, that the Tenant was bound to pay a similar assessment.

The Committee are therefore of opinion that it would be useless to submit to Arbitration, a point of Law which has been solemnly determined by the Unanimous opinion of that Court

As to a relinquishment by the Corporation of the Sum assessed against the Memorialists; The Committee would observe in general, that considering the Corporation, as merely Trustees for their Constituents to manage their public property; they are of opinion that that Body have no right (unless on the ground of Charity) to release any individuals from the operation of covenants into which they have fairly and voluntarily entered and the operations of which do not involve upon them any injustice or serious hardship. It is unnecessary to add that Charity is not appealed to in this case, and the Committee do not perceive that any injustice or hardship is to be experienced by the Memorialists in being compelled to pay the assessment

As to the apportionment of the Rent [48] the Committee are of opinion that no apportionment or diminution of the rent ought to take place—It is to be presumed, that both the Jury who assessed the damages sustained by the Memorialists of the taking away of a portion of their Lots, and the Assessors who assessed them in proportion to

the benefit they received, did their duty—In doing theirs the Jury must have taken into consideration the length of the Lease, the covenants contained in it, the amount of the rent reserved & the value of the property, and their verdict must be presumed to be, what they considered a fair compensation for the diminution of the Lots on the residue of which the original Rent was still to be paid and to which the original covenants would continue to attach. The amount of the verdict given by them ought to have been, such a sum as after deducting the assessment from it would leave a principal the interest of which added to an apportionment of the principal itself among the Years yet to come of the term demised, would [49] *would* so reduce the original Rent as to leave a just reservation on those portions of the Lots which still remained

Such a Verdi[c]t or not far from such a Verdict, the Committee are of opinion the Jury did render. The amount of it was $1625—The assessment $464.80 being deducted from it leaves $1160.20 for such principal. The yearly Interest of this Sum $81.20. added to $64.44 the 18th part of the principal (the number of years yet to run being eighteen) forms the sum of $145.64 which being subtracted from $470 the original Rent, leaves $324.36 to be the present actual yearly rent of the residue of those Lots which are still in the possesion of the Memorialists: a Rent in the opinion of the Committee and of those whom they have consulted not far if at all exceeding the *the* real yearly value of the ground remaining

The Committee are of opinion that the former report made on this subject by the Street Commissioner & late Comptroller on the 24th Febr 1812 which proposed to the Memorialists two alternatives [50] neither of which were by them accepted, was incorrect and ought not to be adopted—That report proposed that the Memorialists should by a fixed period relinquish to the Corporation their leases and receive the verdict of the Jury as a compensation of such relinquishment—The Committee can see no reason why the memorialists should receive the award of the Jury as the price of relinquishment, They presume that when Leases for long periods are made, of land, which according to human probability will yearly increase in value, the true principal of fixing the rent is, not to receive the value of the property for one or two years of the commencement of the terms, but such a sum as would according to the same probability, be the average yearly value for the whole period of its continuance; and that where the bargain is a fair one on each side at the beginning (the land continuing unim-

proved as in this case) a rescinding of it at any period of the term, would leave the [51] parties where they originally stood unaffected by the contract. They therefore think that if the bargain in this case should be rescinded by the parties, the fair mode of doing it would be for the Corporation to release the memorialists from their Rent and Covenants and for them to yield up to the Corporation the land remaining and the verdict of the Jury for the part taken. They therefore would recommend that the Corporation proffer to the Memorialists, either to pay to them the difference between the award of the Jury and the assessment, with Interest from the time when the assessment was confirmed, the rents and covenants of the lease, remaining as formerly, or, that the Corporation accept a surrender of the Lease, relinquish all rent subsequent to such confirmation, pay the assessment & retain the award of the Jury. But in case the Memorialists should reject both offers the Committee recommend that the Question of apportionment only be submitted to Richard Harrison Esq^{r} to determine whether or not the Memorialists are entitled to an apportionment of the rent, and if they are what [52] *what* apportionment ought to be made all which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) J Nitchie
A H Lawrence
W^{m} J Waldron

Which Report was agreed to and the Attorney directed to take the necessary measures in conformity thereto

Resolved that the Superintendant be directed to repair the Bridge in a line with Pump Street.

Resolved that Third Street be regulated from Grand to Delancy Street

A Resolution respecting auctioneers was presented and the consideration postponed.

Resolved that the Law relative to swimming—and the Law regulating the sales of oysters be printed

Resolved that the Watch & Lamp Committee be directed to enquire into [53] the propriety of employing Watchmen to light the Lamps of this City and that they report thereon at the next meeting of the Board—and such other improvements as they may deem expedient.

Resolved that the Law respecting the driving of Horses in the Streets be so altered, as to permit the cantering of Horses in the Streets provided they do not exceed Five miles an hour

Mr Nitchie moved, that Mr J Hays be directed to see the Sunday Law enforced as it respects the Battery—The consideration of which was postponed

Resolved that the Operation of the Law concerning Dogs be suspended.

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	106028.49
Warrants not presented	1342.14
	$104686.35

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

[54] Holden & Lawrence—Watch	498.75
Hays & Bogert Do	670.25
Farrington & White Do	621.25
Hedden & Angevine Do	315...
Peter Aymar Collecr City Revenue 1 Qr Salary to 5 Inst	158.
S McCormick Keeper of the Park 1 mo to 6th	31.
Supdt of Alms House to defray expenses of Committees	200.
J Hardie Asst C Inspr Salry for May	62.50
L Persiany Mud machine 17 Apl to 17 May	182.43
E Jennings digging stoning Well in Bowy	207.
W Stratton cleaning Wells	57.75
J Richardson Do	18.75
C Oneal Do & drain Broad St	105.12
M Read 1 Instlmt Well & Pump in Henry St	92.65
W Stratton Balc due Do Do Ridge St	80.
E Jennings 1st Instalmt Do Do First St	129.
W Kay Do Do Do Mott St	114.
A Smith Do filling Collect Lots	212.
T & J Lovett Acct regulg & pavg Broome St	1000.
W C Barker 81 Casks Winter Oil	6985.48
O Waldron work on the Roads May	191.90
J Hardman Do Do	212.57
R Berrian Experimts in Gunnery (per Resoln)	154.75
J McComb Paymaster N C Hall	1000.
A Morris 1 Qr Subn N Y C Dispensary	500.
	13800.15
Balance	$90886.20

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[56] In Common Council June 21 1813

present The Hon[l] DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq[r] Recorder

Aldermen		Assistants	
John Vanderbilt J[r]		Augus[n] H Lawrence	
Richard Cunningham		John Nitchie	
Isaac S Douglass		Tho[s] R Smith	
John Morss		Josiah Hedden	
George Buckmaster		Asa Mann	
John Pell		James Palmes	
		W[m] A Hardenbrook	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved.

A Petition of Abijah Pell for removal of Ground in front of his House in Herring S[t] was read & referred to the S[t] Commissioner

A Petition of W[m] A Burtis, respecting a Lot purchased by him in Chatham Street and praying some other method of security for performance of certain conditions than those in the purchase was read and ordered that Petitioner [57] have leave to withdraw his petition

A Request from A. Giles for the use of a Room in the City Hall for the meeting of the Cincinati on the 4[th] July—was read and granted

A Petition of Peter Ogilvie praying for the removal of a Fire Engine House at the Foot of Grand Street—was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of M Willett and others was received, praying for time to fill up Lots in Mangin St, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition from Caleb Concklin for relief from penalty incurred under the Street Law, was read and referred to the Attorney with power to remit

A Petition of John Somerndyke for relief from penalty incurred under the Law respecting Manure, was read & referred to the City Inspector

[58] A Petition of W[m] Ross for payment for loss of ground taken to open Broad Way was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of A Holden & others Inhabitants of the 10[th] Ward complaining of the breach of the sunday Law in said Ward, & praying correction of the same was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward, with authority to give such directions to the High Constable as they may deem proper

A Remonstrance of John B Coles Esq[r] against a Bridge & Dam across Harlaem River about to be erected by Rob[t] MacComb Esq[r], was read & referred to the Committee on Surveys

A Petition of Marinus Willett for relief from penalty incurred under an Ordinance for filling in Lots, was read and referred to the Attorney with power to remit on the usual terms, and time given to the 21 December.

A Petition of Adam Owens for relief [59] from penalty incurred under Manure Law was read & referred to the City Inspector

A Petition of Francis J Berrier praying to have Leonard St paved & regulated in front of the Œconomical School was read and Ordered Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A Petition of Leonard Kip for permission to fill up a Pump corner of Greenwich & Partition St[s] was read & granted under the direction of the Aldermen and Assistant of the Ward

A Petition of Sam[l] Stilwell praying remission of penalties incurred for Shipping damaged F[l]our without Inspection—was read & referred to Alder[n] Vanderbilt Buckmaster M[r] Palmer

A Petition of J Ordeneaux for relief from penalty incurred under the Law regulating the storage of powder was read and referred to the Chief Engineer

[60] A Petition of J Leonard & others for a Pump at the Corner of the North Church in William or Fair Street, was read & referred to the Alderman & assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of G G Howland for a Lamp opposite 77 Water Street was read & referred to the Lamp Committee

A Petition from the same for permission to build a vault in Greenwich S[t] was read and granted under the usual terms

A Petition of Rose Campbell for a Grocery License gratis, was read & referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Second S[t] for a Lamp was read and referred to the Lamp Committee

The Street Commissioner presented Ordinances—for 2 pumps in Mulberry and 1 in Orchard Street—& an Ordinance for regulating Third St from Grand to Delancy St—which were passed and Stephen Kingsland—Solomon Wheeler [61] & Robert Coles were appointed Assessors in each

Also Assessments—for a Well & Pump in Mott S[t] near Hester S[t] —for a Well & Pump in First S[t] near Pump St—for a Well & Pump in Henry S[t] between Charlotte & Rutgers—& an Assessment for regulating & paving at Peck Slip which were severally confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each.

Upon the Report of the Attorney penalties were remitted on the usual terms to Capt[n] Barlow for not reporting passengers.

The City Inspector reported Drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 1060 to N° 1085 which were passed.

The City Inspector made a representation respecting a Lot in Bayards East Farm—which Lot was ordered to be filled up at the expense of the Corporation—and the amount—to remain a lien on the property.

[62] The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

N 25 Dan[l] Brown, Grocer, Chapple & Warren, 5[th] W[d] Vice Isaac Underhill res[gd]

N° 27 Wm Craft, Carpenter, Desbrosses S[t] 5[th] W[d] vice, John S Dusenbury res[gd]

N° 27 Andrew Zimmerman, Hay Cartman Desbrosses 5[th] Ward vice A Martin res[gd]

N° 30 Alex[dr] Jeroleman, Butcher, Crosby S[t] 8[th] W[d] vice M Jordan res[gd]

The Chief Engineer Reported that situations were wanting for Engine Houses for N[os] 39. 24. & Hook & Ladder N° 1 and recommended the Bowling Green for that purpose—which Report was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 1[st] Ward.

A Communication from Benj[a] Hicks Dep[ty] City Insp[r] respecting Swine in Norfolk St & a Morrocco manufactory in said St was read & referred to the City Inspector.

The Council presented to the Board [63] for execution articles of agreement between them and Mess[rs] Fulton & Cutting, making certain alterations in the Lease lately entered into, by this Board & those Gentlemen for the Brooklyn Ferry—These articles were drawn agreably to the Report of the Ferry Committee on that subject.

Which said articles were ordered to be duly executed.

The Committee of Charity on the Petition of the Sufferers by the late fire in Bancker Street—reported That the Petitioners are poor and have lost considerable furniture as per their annexed statements but judging relief coming from this Quarter for such purposes would be establishing a dangerous & unwarrantable precedent. Should they be in immediate want for sustenance and support your committee are of opinion the relief might be granted through the medium of the Commissioners of the Alms House

(Signed) Jn° Vanderbilt J[r]
Asa Mann
James Palmer

[64] Which Report was agreed to

The Charity Committee on the petition of H Smith, Reported That from every information they can receive Smith purchased the Lot from a Mr Lynch and gave him twenty five Dollars for his bargain and became responsible for the consideration money to the Corporation being $325 finding he had made a bad bargain and the Lot not being worth near that amount he petitioned the Board to take back the property by his paying the first I[n]stalment of $81.25 which was arranged by the Attorney of the Board upon his paying $15 Costs. The petition now before the Board prays for a remuneration of the whole sum—Your Committee are of opinion whilst the unguarded contract was not made by him with the Corporation, but with Mr Lynch it would be improper for this Board to refund the amount, excepting the amount of costs which under existing circumstances from receiving back the Lot and the first Instalment paid the poor man [65] is entitled to

Signed Jno Vanderbilt Jr
Asa Mann
James Palmer

Which was agreed to

The Committee to whom was referred the expediency of causing the water Lots in the vicinity of Steven's Wharf Reported That the following persons are owners of Lots viz

Mr Moore	2 Lots
Saml Jackson	1 "
Townsend & Rogers	1 "
Leffert Leffert Lefferts	2 "
Peter R Livingston	1 "
Estate of Robt Cromline	1 "
Sands & Ferris	1 "
Townsend & Undehill	1 "
Peter Bogert	1 "
Genl Stevens	8 "

and further that the Docks & Piers are in a state of decay especially those on the property of Messrs Lefferts & Jackson. not being safe to deposit goods on, of any considerable burthen, and that the Heads of the Slips and under several Stores at low water becomes entirely dry, and [66] creates a considerable nuisance. adding to this some of the Wharfs not being in a state to be occupied for landing produce are in a very filthy situation.

Your Committee are of opinion that the same ought to be filled up to the permanent line, unless in the opinion of the Board some respite ought to be given on account of the difficult times we have at present to encounter with

(Signed) Jn° Vanderbilt Jr
J Warren Brackett
Saml Stilwell St Coms

Which was agreed to

Mr Lawrence presented the following

The Committee of Finance to whom the annexed Letter is addressed. Beg leave to inform the Board, that they have had the same under consideration, and upon mature deliberation and full investigation of the subject they are of opinion that the proposed alteration and amendment of the Comptroller is proper, and therefore recommend that the same be adopted and the former Report be altered in [67] conformity thereto

Signed Augus H Lawrence
J Nitchie
John Pell
James Palmer

Letter of Comptroller.

Comptrolrs Office 7 June

Sir

I have taken considerable pains more fully to investigate the subject of Grants for Water Lots and after mature deliberation and reflection am induced to believe that a little alteration in the Plan I had the honor to submit to the Honl the Common Council, would tend to the more rapid improvement of the City and more satisfactory to those who may be disposed to make such improvements

In making these Grants the Board have in view two objects, improvement, and Revenue and the Rates must be so proportioned that in increasing the latter the former is not retarded—The alteration now suggested will I believe produce that effect

The rates & ratio of increase to be the same as before proposed the only difference to be in the measurements of the Lots and [68] that in lieu of the former Plan (vide page 6 of the Report) substitute the following

For every foot in width (calculating the average of the Front and Rear lines) and in length to the permanent line, not exceeding one hundred Feet exclusive of Streets, Two Dollars and 50 cents and

for all Lots being of greater length to the boundary line, at the rate of 40 p^{r} cent. on each 100 feet, in addition thereto

The Proprietors to make the Streets as hitherto done in all cases

Yours respectfully

Tho^{s} R Mercien

A H Lawrence Esq^{r}

Char^{n} Finance Comt^{ee}

Which was agreed to.

The following additional Report of the Ferry Committee on the Petition of Marinus Willitt and Rich^{d} M Woodhull & on the remonstrance of J Gardner & others was received,

The Committee to whom was referred the above mentioned petition & remonstrance, having reported favorably to the petitioners Marinus Willett and [69] Richard M Woodhull upon the terms mentioned in the said Report to be by them performed. and the matter having been again referred to said Committee in order to give it a more mature deliberation—do accordingly Report that they have given a full and proper investigation to the said petition and remonstrance and hereby recommend in all things as they have done by their first Report dated 17 May 1813

Signed Augus H Lawrence
Jn^{o} Vanderbilt J^{r}

which was agreed to and the Council was directed to take the necessary measures in conformity thereto

Division upon agreeing to the above report

Affirmative 12

The Recorder—Alder^{n} Vanderbilt—Cunningham—Morss—Douglass—Mess^{rs} Nitchie—Lawrence—Smith—Hedden—Hardenbrook

Negative 4

Alder^{n} Buckmaster—Pell Mess^{rs} Mann—Palmer

M^{r} Smith gave notice that he would move for a reconsideration

Resolved that the Watch and Lamp Committee be requested to report at the [70] next Meeting on the subject of employing Watchmen^{t} to light the Lamps of this City, referred to them last meeting

Resolved that Murray Street be widened from the West end of the College Yard to the North River, and that the Attorney be directed to take the necessary steps in the premises.*

* Marginal note reads *vid page 139.*—Ed.

Resolved that the High Constable be d[i]rected to take the necessary steps to prevent or to punish the violation of the due observance of the Lords day called Sunday at all public places

Ordered that the Comptroller report a Warrant for $1000 in favor of the Superintendant of Repairs for the Drain in Ferry St.

On Motion Resolved that the Recorder Mr Smith & Mr Lawrence be a committee to make the necessary arrangements for the celebration of the 37th anniversary of the Independence of the United States of America

[71] Resolved that the Finance Committee be requested to appoint a person who with another chosen by Mr Vn Hook shall have power to settle his accounts with this Board.

Resolved that the Attorney be directed to report an Ordinance prohibiting Dyers Hatters & others from washing Cloaths Hats &c under the Pumps in the City.

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	99499.25
Warrants not presented	974.11
	98475.14

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts

Holden & Lawrence Watch	498.75
Hays & Bogart "	670.25
Farrington & White "	621.25
Hedden & Angevine "	315.00
E Jenning Supds Lamp to 11th June	482.56
J Haviland repairs & Hoes. for Engines	977.84
M Banks cleaning Wells 14th Inst	74.59
Estate of C Brinkerhoff deceasd for 7 Pump Chambers	70.00
[72] B Skaats cleaning several apartmts in City Hall	41.65
R Furman Dinner on a Visit to Narrows	100.00
J A Crolius Inspr Bread 1 Qr to 8th Inst	85.20
P Becannon " " " "	92.32
R Moran repairing Intersection of Water & Catharine Sts	15.37
James Vincent cleaning Drain in Chapple St & Collect St	51.25
E Jennings 1st Instalmt Well & Pump Church St	90.75
M Reed " " Willett St	50.00
J Hoyt regulating Pitt St	100.00
J McComb paymaster City Hall	1000.00
Superintendant of Repairs for Drain in Ferry St	1000.00
	6.336.78
Ballance	$93.138.36

[73] In Common Council July 2d 1813

Present The Honl De Witt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Peter Mesier John Vanderbilt Jr Richard Cunningham George Buckmaster Peter H Wendover Isaac S Douglass Nicholas Fish	Aldermen	John Nitchie Augus H Lawrence Thos R Smith Josiah Hedden Asa Mann Wm J Waldron Wm A Hardenbrook James Palmer	Assistants

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of the Keepers of the Flag Staff on the Battery—praying that they may not be considered as breakers of the Sabaath Law nor subject to the penalties of the Ordinance of the Common Council by keeping open their Place on that day.

Upon the Question of granting the prayer of the Petitioners a Division having been called for it passed in the affirmative [74] as follows.

Affirmative

Alderm Mesier—Douglass—Buckmaster Fish Messrs Lawrence—Smith—Hedden—Mann Hardenbrook 10

Negative

Alderm Vanderbilt—Cunningham—Wendover Messrs Nitchie—Palmer—5

A Petition of Thomas A Atkinson praying a mitigation of a Fine incurred under Sunday Law—was read and ordered Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition

A Communication from the Commissioners of Fortifications respecting the renting *the renting* of a piece of ground on Staten Island, it being necessary to the defence of the works on said Island, was read as follows

At a meeting of the Commissioners of Fortifications

Present

Mr Clinton. Mr Smith. Mr Fairley Coln Curtenius. Genl Morton.

Resolved that in the opinion of the Commissioners possession of the Hill [75] on the ground belonging to Mr Fountain to the S Wd of Fort Tompkins is necessary to the defence of the Fortifications already erected on Staten Island at the Narrows But as the powers

of the Commissioners do not extend to the procuring of the above mentioned scite. Resolved; that this subject be represented to the Hon[l] the Common Council and that they be respectfully requested to give their aid in procuring the necessary ground in case the acts of the Commissioners in the premises are not sanctioned by the Legislature, of which however the Commissioners entertain no doubt

It is understood that the ground can be procured on a lease for the term that it may be wanted at a rent not exceeding $250 per An[m] Upon the possession of the above grounds the Commissioners will proceed to erect a Work essentially necessary to the defence of that post and for which they have funds remaining in their hands

By order of the Board

(Sig[d]) J Morton Sect[y]

Which was referred to the Committee of [76] Defence with authority to comply with the request of the Commissioners

A Petition of Michael Schuyler for remission of penalty incurred for permitting his Horse to strip the Bark from a Poplar Tree belonging to M[r] Sherry was read, and, ordered that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition

A Petition of Francis S Henry for permission to sell coffee in the Hudson Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Phillip Spencer for another Room in the City Hall for the office of Clerk of the District Court. The one he now occupies being damp was read and ordered to lie on the table

A Petition of Judith Mason for a Stand in the Hudson Market for selling vegetables, was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of John Wilcox & others [77] owners of property in Hester St & Rynder St praying to have the pavement repaired in said streets was read & referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Edward Meeks for remission of penalty incurred under the ordinance for filling in certain Lots was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of W[m] Collins for relief from penalty incurred under the law regulating Squibs & Crackers, was read & referred to the Attorney with power to remit.

A Petition of Thomas Farmer praying that the line of Peck Slip may be straightened was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward & St Commissioner

A Petition of Leonard Seaman and others for a Pump corner

of Pump & Elizabeth Streets, was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner.

A Petition from Robert Curtis & others [78] praying that Crosby Street may be regulated from Prince to Bleecker Street, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of David S Haring and others praying that Clarke Street may be regulated from Spring to Broome Street was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition from Cornelius Cunningham for relief from penalty incurred und[er] the Law respecting nuisances was read & referred to the Attorney with power to remit

A Petition of Moses Lion for permission to erect a Vault 26 Warren Street was read and granted on the usual terms.

A Petition from Samuel Thompson R J Tucker—Thos S Clarkson & Jacob Le Roy praying grants for water Lots on the Hudson River to be made out, and that a Committee may be appointed [79] to carry into effect the report made on the 3d July 1809 respecting the quit Rents, was read and referred to the Comptroller.

An Award made by Jacob Clinch and Thomas Storey, as Referrees in the case of Charles Smith & Ann his Wife respecting the Wharfage at Courtlandt Street Wharf, was read & referred to the Committee on Laws & ordinances & the Council.

The Council agreably to a Resolution of the 12 april 1813 Reported that the following complaints were received by him during the las[t] month viz

from Saml Green	4
Charles E Duncan	4
Adrian B Holmes	5

The City Inspector presented Drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 1085 to N° 1110 which were passed

The City Inspector informed the Board that the Drain on the West side of Broad Street was obstructed, and filled the Cellars [80] adjoining it with water, and, recommended that the Superintendant of Repairs be directed to repair it; which was agreed to

A Return from the Committee from the Society of French Refugees of Charities distributed and donations received and also a request that the Corporation would grant them the same sum that was given last year was read and referred to the Committee of Charity

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for a Pump in Fair Street which was passed & William Stilwell John Brower & Lemuel Skidmore were appointed Assessors

Also an Assessment for regulating Prince Street from McDougal to Thompson St, which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

Also a Return of Delinquents on the Assessments for a Pump in Ridge St & one in Willett St. Whereupon a Warrant was ordered to issue for the coll[e]ction of the same

Also Assessments for regulating [81] Arundle St from Grand to Delancy St & for a Pump in Church St near Warren St which were confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each

And an Ordinance for a Bulk Head across Broome St Slip, which was passed & Solomon Wheeler—Stephen Kingsland & Robert Coles were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of Abijah Pell Reported. That the Street is in a rough unregulated State but as no person has Petitioned but Mr Pell and he not being a majority of the Owners or occupants the Street Commissioner is of opinion agreably to a standing order of the Board he should have leave to withdraw his petition in order if he should think proper to endeavour to procure a Majority of the signatures of the Owners of ground fronting on said Street

(Sigd) Saml Stilwell St Comsr

Which was agreed to.

He also reported on the Petition of Wm Ross. That he has not been able to [82] find any account of the transaction that would enable him to make a Report favorable to the petitioner and is therefore of opinion he should have leave to withdraw his petition

(signed) Saml Stilwell

Which was agreed to

The Street Commissioner and Comptroller on the Petition of Wm Byron & Wife Reported, That it appears by the Ledger of the Street Commissioners Office that the Assessment for opening Cherry St on the Estate of Peter Byvanck was equal to the award of the Jury and that the account appears balanced and settled and that they are of opinion the Petitioners should have leave to withdraw their petition

(Signed) Saml Stillwell St Comsr
Thos R. Mercein, Comp

A Request from the Chief Engineer that David Dibble, Shoemaker may be appointed lanthorn bearer with the privelledges of Fireman for himself [83] and the other Engineers, was read & granted

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Chief

Engineer respecting scites for Engine Houses. Reported that in their opinion it would be inexpedient to erect any Engine Houses or other Buildings in the Bowling Green

(Signed) Peter Mesier
John Nitchie

which was approved.

The Committee appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the 37th Anniversary Reported—That the return of the Anniversary happening on Sunday that the same be celebrated on the ensuing Monday.

That the Flag be hoisted at the Battery at Sun rise—That a national salute be fired at Sun rise and at noon. That the Bells of the different churches be rung at Sun rise—at Noon—and at Sun set ½ an hour—and that the Masters of vessels in the Harbour be requested to wear the Flags of their vessels at mast head during the day

(Sigd) J O Hoffman Chan

[84] which was agreed to

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Hook & Ladder No 3

Alexdr Thompson, Taylor, 13 Fair St 3 Wd vice O Holenback gone in county

Eng Comp No 3

Hopkins Robertson, Grocer, Greenwich 5 Wd vice H Blacklidge resgd

The following Report of the Finance Committee on a Letter from J Burjeau requesting permission to let the Stands around the Park, Bowling Green & Battery for 5th July Inst

The Finance Committee recommend to the Board. That Joseph Burjeau have permission to grant Stands for Booths to be erected around the Park on the 5th July Inst agreably to the above proposals. It being fully understood and agreed to that in no case whatever is he to charge more than One Dollar for each Stand, and that he is to employ a sufficient number of peace Officers to preserve order to have all the places around the Park cleaned [85] repaired and put in order immediately after the removal of the Booths and all such other necessary things as may be required to be done at his own Expense

They also respectfully recommend that Charles E Duncan has the same permission to grant the erection of Booths around the Bow-

ling Green and Battery on the same terms and conditions as agreed to with Mr Joseph Burjeau First Marshal.

(Signed) A H Lawrence, J Nitchie, Peter Mesier, James Palmer } Finance Committee

Which was agreed to. and

Resolved that the Sixth Section of the Law to prevent nuisances and to provide for the security of the public Health of the City of New York be and the same is hereby suspended, so far as relates to the celebration of the 37th anniversary of American Independence— and that permits be granted for that purpose in the way and under the restrictions suggested in the Report of the Finance Committee.

[86] A Petition of John Corgan respecting a Nuisance in Mulberry St No 78 *which* was read & referred to the City Inspector

A Letter from Samuel Stilwell Esqr tendering the resignation of his office as Street Commissioner, was read and laid for consideration

An application from the Superintendant of the Manhattan Water Works for permission to fence in a small gore of ground adjacent to said Works was read & referred to the Street Commissioner & City Inspector

Upon Motion of Mr Smith to reconsider the Report of the Ferry Committee in the case of Willett & Woodhull—A Division having been called, it passed in *passed in* the affirmative as follows.

Affirmative The Recorder. Alderm Vanderbilt. Cunningham Buckmaster—Wendover—Fish—Messrs Mann Hardenbrook.

Negative Alderm Mesier—Douglass—Messrs Lawrence [87] Smith—Hedden

The Report was then considered and finally agreed to.

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on laws and Ordinances to report on Fees to be allowed to Marshals and Constables upon distresses for Rent.

Ordered that it be referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward and Street Commissioner to take the necessary steps to have Cherry St regulated.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Comptroller on the Establishment of a sinking Fund for the redemption of the City Stock. Reported. that they have taken the same into serious consideration, do most cheerfully recommend to the Board the addoption of a system for the gradual extinction of the City debt

and approve in general the features of the Comptrollers valuable Report on that subject.

1. They recommend that a sinking [88] Fund be established under the superintendance of the Mayor, the Recorder, the City Treasurer, the Comptroller and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, for the time being who shall be denominated "The Commissioners of the sinking Fund for the redemption of the City Stock" a majority of whom shall at any time be empowered to act

2 They recommend that the said Fund be composed of all monies heretofore received & hereafter to be received for commutation of quit rents, for Water Lot grants issued anterior to the Year 1804—and of the revenue arrising from said grants if not commuted—of all monies accruing to the Corporation or which have heretofore accrued for licenses of Hackney Coaches, pawn Brokers & street vaults —of all market Fees to be hereafter received of twenty five per cent of the net proceeds of all sales of real estate belonging to the public hereafter to be made—of any surplus which may arise from the sale of the Government House and the adjoining grounds lately purchased of the State over and above the purchase Money and contingent Charges—and of such other sources of Revenue or Sums of money as the corporation may hereafter think proper to appropriate towards this valuable object.

3 They recommend that the Comptroller be authorized to continue during the pleasure of this Board [89] the commutation of certain quit rents, as ordered & agreed to by this Board on the 25 March 1812, and which by limitation expired on the 25 March last.

4 They recommend that a law be framed by the Council of the Board to Establish a sinking fund which law shall embrace the principles of the Comptrollers Report, and of this report, so far as it differs from the other

5 They recommend that when the said Law shall be passed, the Commissioners of the sinking fund be authorized to invest the monies which may come into their hands from time to time in the City Stock, in Bank Stock, or stock of the United States as they may think most conducive to the objects for which they are appointed always giving a preference to purchases of City Stock when the same can be had at a reasonable rate.

6 They recommend that the persons above named as the future Commissioners of the sinking fund be appointed a Committee for the present, to invest in the way above pointed out, any sums now in the Treasury which are contemplated by this report to form a part

of the said sinking fund, when the same is matured & established by Law. And they also with much pleasure inform the Board that such is the unprecedented state of the finances that a ballance $97,593..22cts is now in the Treasury unappropriated out of which in the opinion of you[r] Committee the sum of Dollars may be taken for the sinking [90] fund, without any inconvenience to the fiscal concerns of the Corporation

all which is respectfully submitted

Signed A H Lawrence, Peter Mesier, James Palmer, John Nitchie } Committee

Which was agreed to.

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$102594.10	
Warrant not presented	$5000.88	97593.22

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Hays & Bogart Watch to July 5th	670.25
Farrington & White " "	621.25
Hedden & Angevine " "	315.00
Holden & Lawrence " "	498.75
Saml Stilwell 1 Qr Salry to 5 Inst	375.00
J Bloodgood Coroner 20 March 1 July	254.22
J McCormick Keeper Park to 3 Inst	30.00
B Hicks Deptv City Inspr July	60.00
J Hardie Do Do Do	60.00
S Green Asst Street Inspr Do	52.00
C E Duncan Do Do Do Do	52.00
A B Holmes Do Do Do Do	52.00
M Ackerman Keeper Potters Field Do	45.00
S Walker posting Bills for City Inspr & St Comsr	25.50
[91] Prior & Dunning 2 Sts Book & 22 Assessmt & Tax Books	86.50
Wm Kay Balc due Well & Pump Mott St	114.00
J Richardson cleaning Wells	81.37
Wm Castle reprs to pumps to 27 ulto	193.47
Wm Butler Do Do "	23.44
A Smith 1st Instlmt Contract filling Collect Lots	212.00
E Jennings Do Do Well & Pump Broome St	99.00
J Fine reprs Pumps 7. 4 & 10 Wards	153.53
C Oneil paving & repairing Wells	76.75
Wm Stratton cleaning Wells 5 6 8 Wards	36.12
M Banks Iron Work pumps 7, 10 Do	27.69
H Brush repairs to Do Do Do	85.00

J McKoy repairs Walk round Duane St Park	12.00
J Bailey " public Walk (by order St Comsr)	136.78
J Williams Balc due regulas Wooster St	64.67
R Moran Acct pavs Peck Slip	250.00
R Dodge reprs to Lamps	77.75
G Carstang Rope for Fire Engines	257.00
O Waldron Work on the Roads including repairs to a Bridge in the Bowery	281.65
R Furman Treasr New Alms House	10000.00
Do Do Supdt Alms House	5000.00
J McComb Treasr N City Hall	1000.00
J Wallace Superintendant Repairs on Acct sundries for Lamps	500.00
J Randell for Surveys as per Contract	500.00
	$22.429.89
Ballance	$75163.33

[92] In Common Council July 12 1813

present The Honl De Witt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Aldermen: Peter Mesier, John Vanderbilt Jr, Richard Cunningham, George Buckmaster, Peter H Wendover, Nicholas Fish, John Pell

Assistants: John Nitchie, Jos Warren Brackett, Augusn H Lawrence, Elisha W King, Josiah Hedden, Asa Mann, Wm A Hardenbrook, James Palmer

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Walter Bowne & others to have Frankfort Street widened was read and referred to the Committee on Streets and Street Commissioner.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Arundle Street to have said Street regulated was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

[93] A Petition of Toms & Lane & others owners of Hackney Carriages praying relief from Penalties incurred, under the Hackney Coach Law—was read & referred to the Attorney with power to remit.

A Petition of Archibald Smith & others to have Leonard Street opened, into Orange Street was read & referred to the St Commissioner

Petitions from N McVicar & H Peters for permission to erect vaults in Warren St was read and granted on the usual terms

A Petition of Dennis Patterson for relief from penalty incurred for leaving a dead Horse in the Street, was read and referred to the Attorney with power to remit

A Petition of sundry owners of Hackney carriages for stands in Lombardy Street was read & referred to Alde[n] Buckmaster M[r] King & M[r] Nitchie

A Petition of George Zabriskie for water Lots grants, on Watt's Street between West & Washington Streets, was read and referred [94] to the Comptroller and Attorney

Petitions from J[no] Hogenkamp—J[no] Ryer J[no] Tallman J[no] Van Blarcum, J[no] Post. Ja[s] Davis for appointments as Inspectors & Carters of Charcoal—were severally read & granted.

A Petition of Nath[l] Pendleton & others for a Well in Scammel Street at the N E corner of Lombardy S[t] was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petitioner of John Ackley for remission of penalty incurred for selling meat out of the regular Market was read and executition ordered to be suspended on payment of Costs

A Petition of Reuben Leggett & others Inhabitants of Hague Street for a Watchman to be stationed in said Street to prevent disorderly persons from disturbing the quiet of said residents, was read & referred to the Watch Committee.

[95] A Petition of Schuyler Daxter for remission of penalty incurred for selling liquor on Sunday. was read & ordered he have leave to withdraw his petition.

A Petition of Andrew Blakely for remission of penalty incurred under sunday Law, was read. Upon the Question of Suspending the Execution on payment of Costs, a Division being called, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows

Affirmative 10 The Recorder—Alder[n] Mesier—Buckmaster Fish —Pell, Mess[rs] Brackett—Lawrence King—Hedden—Hardenbrook.

Negative 6 Alder[n] Vanderbilt—Cunningham Wendover—Mess[rs] Nitchie—Mann—Palmer

A Petition of Elizabeth Hoffman complaining of Manure Carts, in First & Second Streets, was read & ordered to lie on the Table

A Petition of Samuel Jackson & others owners of Lots in Brooklyn was read stating that a demand had been made [96] upon them by the Attorney of the Corporation that they should take out grants for the land between high & low water mark opposite their property on the East River from the Corporation of New York. That the Memorialists conceived the title to the said ground was in themselves,

but still they would wish to avoid any controversy and therefore requested a Committee might be appointed to investigate their claims, and if they should appear unfounded they would then wish to know upon what terms the grants would be made to them

Whereupon Ordered that the said Memorial lie on the Table—and moved that the Council have authority under the direction of the Committee of Laws and Ordinances to employ Counsel on the part of this Board in the above case

A Petition of John Akley to sell meat at the corner of Division & Essex Street was read and referred to the Market Committee.

[97] A Request of Mrs Skaats to display in a conspicuous part of the Hall a Placard stating that the Hours that persons may visit the Hall should be between the Hours of 3 & 6 p m Sundays & Mondays excepted. was read & granted

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

No 16	John G Mott, Grocer, 20 Liberty St 2 Wd vice S Saffer expelled
No 18	Cornelius Lawrence, Mercht, 174 Water St, 2 Wd Vice J W Hardenbrook resigned
	Richard Irwin, Currier, 71 Cliff St, 2 Wd vice J Breath resigned
No 25	George Wardell, Cordwainer, Hester St 8th Wd vice Abel Hardenbrook expelled

The Committee appointed to present the Petition of the Corporation of New York to Congress praying further protection against the Enemy

Reported that very soon after their appointment they proceeded with the petition to the Seat of the general Government and previous to presenting it they [98] lost no opportunity, of conversing on the subject with such of the members of Congress as they thought might be induced to aid your Committee in their application The petition on being presented to the Senate and House of Representatives was by each referred to the Committee on Military affairs. The Senate being occupied with executive business its committee was unable to pay immediate attention to the petition. but that of the other House was specially convened before whom your Committee attended (on being invited) and represented to them, the exposed and almost defenceless situation of the Port of New York and urged among other things the necessity of granting a sufficient number of Men to garri-

son the different Fortifications erected for its defence and the danger of depending on Militia for that service

And it was with no small satisfaction your Committee perceived the petition treated with that prompt attention due to its importance. On account of the Petition being addressed [99] to Congress and for various other reasons your Committee were advised to make no direct application to the Head of the War department, who it was presumed from the situation he lately held could stand in no need of farther information on the Subject. Your Committee feels it a pleasure as well as a duty to state, that every possible assistance was afforded them, in relation to the object of their mission by several Gentlemen of Congress, and particularly by Mr King & Genl Germain of the Senate & Judge Benson & Mr Post of the House of Representatives, who manifested a deep interest for its success, and to whom they are principally indebted for the prompt attention paid to the subject and for being enabled to return as speedily

From what transpired during the time your Committee remained at Washington and from the proceedings which have since taken place, they are not without hope that the object of their Mission will be in some degree realized

respectfully submitted Peter Mesier
E W King

[100] which Report was accepted & ordered to be inserted on the Minutes.

The City Inspecter stated, that the Drain in Broad Street was in a situation, that required immediate repair which was referred to the Supdt of Repairs to cause the same to be remedied

The Committee on the petition of sundry Cartmen praying suspension of Manure Law Reported that in their opinion the prayer of the Petitioners ought not to be granted

(Signed) Peter H Wendover
George Buckmaster
Asa Mann

Which was approved

The Comptroller presented a Report respecting the quit rent to be paid by persons who had formerly applied for water Lot grants which was read & Referred to the Finance Committee

The Committee of Charity on the petition of the Society for the relief of [101] French Refugees Reported That from the Report made by the Society it appears that they have expended for relief

for the above purpose last year the sum of $1182.44½ that they collected by Donations $1256.97½ of which $225. was presented by the Corporation and that they have now only a Ballance of $74.53 in hand. Your Committee are of opinion the same Sum ought to be granted this year; should the Corporation withdraw their assistance many of those objects, doubtless would become chargeable to the Alms House and perhaps cost more than the Sum which was last year allowed them.

(Signed) John Vanderbilt Jr
Asa Mann
James Palmer
Peter Mesier

Which was agreed to and the Comptroller was directed to Report a Warrant accordingly

The Street Commissioner presented Ordinances. For a Pump near the intersection of Pump & Elizabeth Streets—For regulating Clark St from Broome to Spring St—for regulating Crosby St from the [102] North of Prince Street to Bleecker Street which were passed and Ezekiel Bishop Solomon Wheeler & Robert Coles were appointed assessors in the first and Wm Stilwell John Brower & Lemuel Skidmore in the two last Also

Assessments, for regulating Varrick & Dominick Sts and for paving Grand St—for a Well & pump in Harrison St—which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector in each

A Report of the Chief Engineer, respecting the conduct of the Men of Fire Engine No 9 during the late fire was read & referred to the Committee on the Fire Depmt

The Chief Engineer on the Petition of J Ordeneaux Reported that he has carefully investigated the subject and has no hesitation in saying that he believes the Petitioner has violated the law relative to the safe keeping of Gun powder, but to what extent he is not able accurately to ascertain, unless the Cartridges are emptied and the powder weighed; but is of opinion from [103] the information received from the person who saw the packages in the House and afterwards (by his request) identified the same in the magazine, which consisted of 7 kegs 1 Barrel. 2 Boxes and one Bag containing Cartridges, and that there must have been a considerable quantity of powder

respectfully submitted

(Signed) Thos Franklin C Engr

Which was ordered to lay for consideration

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of Edward Meeks Reported that he has viewed the whole Block and given the subject particular attention and has also consulted Dr Ball and Dr Hicks of the Health Office, who both agree with him that the situation and state of the Lot is no nuisance and that it would be inexpedient and improper to enforce the ordinance. He is therefore of opinion the ordinance should be repealed

respectfully submitted

(Signed) Saml Stilwell

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on the Petition of Thos [104] Farmer Reported that they have carefully compared the quantity of all the Grants (between Beekman Slip and the Corporation ground at Peck Slip on the Northerly side of Front Street) with a Map made by Wm Bridges in the Year 1810 by order of the Street Commissioner in order to ascertain whether the possessions were equal to the Grants, and on due investigation find them to agree in the aggregate, from the corner of Beekman Slip to the westerly line of the ground as now in possession of the Corporation at Peck slip

Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition

(Signed) John Vanderbilt Jr
J Warran Brackett
Saml Stilwell St Comsr

Which was agreed to.

The Committee of Charity on the Petition of Rose Campbell, Reported that the prayer of the Petition ought not to be granted
which was agreed to

[105] The Committee on the Petition of Samuel Stilwell reported a statement of facts

Whereupon Resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition.

The Letter received at the last Meeting from Samuel Stilwell tendering his resignation as Street Commissioner were read as follows,

The Street Commissioner has not forgotten with what facility he came into Office, and no language can express his thankfulness for the continued indulgence manifested to the present time by all the members of the Common Council

He is conscious of having done his duty to the extent of his abilities, and if he has done it well it is to be attributed to the aid they

have afforded him In particular he solicits the notice of the Common Council to the honest, faithful, upright and respectable deportment of Dr R Graves & Charles E Duncan, Gentlemen eminently qualified for their respective stations

The present Street Commissioner has always held himself in readiness to leave the office when superior talents [106] and qualifications for the duties thereof should be attainable. That period in his opinion has arrived, he therefore now cheerfully resigns his Commission to that honorable Body, from whom he thankfully received it and without attempting to express the full extent of his respect and esteem for each member he bids them an affectionate farewell

(Signed) Saml Stilwell

Which was accepted.

Resolved unanimously that the Members of this Board have viewed with great pleasure the mild and correct conduct of Samuel Stilwell Esqr late Street Commissioner, while in the exercise of the duties of his office as well as it related to the Members of this Board as to our fellow Citizens who had business to transact with him

Resolved therefore that the thanks of this Board be presented to Mr Stilwell for his faithfull conduct in the discharge of the duties of his Office with an assurance that he carries with him in retiring from Office the friendship and esteem [107] of this Common Council.

The Board then proceded to the appointment of a person to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr Stilwell when Mr John McComb Junr was unanimously appointed

Resolved that the Committee on the Fire Department be authorized to sell the smaller Fire Engines

Resolved that it be referred to the Lamp Committee to direct if they deem it proper that a Lamp be erected in Second St half the distance between Rivington & Stanton Streets.

Resolved that the Committee of Assessments be instructed to examine the Assessment for paving and regulating Peck Slip and report their opinion whether the same has been legally and equitably apportioned among the several proprietors of the adjacent grounds and the Corporation. In the mean time the further collection of the said Assessment be staid.

[108] Resolved that it be referred to the Committee of Laws and Ordinances to report on proper Badges of distinction to be carried by the Sheriff & his assistants at Fires. and as to what further powers are necessary to be granted to Assistant Aldermen

Resolved that it be referred to a Committee to consider and Report what testimonials of respect it would be proper for this Common Council to pay to the memory of the late Captn James Lawrence of the U S. Navy

which was agreed to and

The Recorder Messrs Lawrence & Smith were appointed the said Committee.

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	98535.21
[Warrants not presented]	1027.69
	97507.52

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts

Jas Wallace Supdt Reprs Salry 10th March to 10th Inst	300.00
Wm M Summers Inspr Bread 1 Qr exclusive of fines	67.95
[109] P Burtsell, Stationary Mayors Clerks & City Inspectors Office fr 13 Feb	102.75
J Morton 1 Qr Salry as City Inspr Recs Clerk & Indexing Minutes	487.50
E Jennings 1st Instmt Well & Pump in Harrison Street	45.87
E Jennings Well & Pump in Church Street	90.75
M Reid bale Well Pump Henry St	92.68
Do " 1st Instm " " " "	69.00
D Stilwell repairs to Pumps to 8th Inst	92.46
G Collis " " "	28.68
J Richardson cleaning Wells &c	40.18
J Hardman work on Roads & contincs	212.69
H McMurray award acct widens Pearl St near Elm St	175.00
P Kelly pavg Intern several St pr order	85.51
D S Jones superteng p[r]intg State law respectg City making notes, correctg prf sheet	200.00
E Jenning Supdt Lamps 10 June 10 July	470.56
C Dickenson Esqr Treasr Bd Health paynt sundry Accts of Boards	600.00
Comtee Defence support of Gun Boats employed by Corporation	3000.00
	6182.58
Balance	91345.94

[110] In Common Council July 19th 1813

present The Honl De Witt Clinton Mayor Presdent
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
John Vanderbilt Junr		Jos. Warren Brackett	
Charles Dickenson		Augusn H Lawrence	
Richard Cunningham		Elisha W King	
Isaac S Douglass		Thomas R Smith	
Peter H Wendover		Josiah Hedden	
Nicholas Fish		Wm A Hardenbrook	
John Pell		Asa Mann.	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of John Berdun for remission of a Fine incurred under an ordinance amending nuisances—was read and referred to the Attorney with power to remit.

Petitions of Jacob A Crawford for Stand No 39 Hudson Market and of John Fink for a Stand in Washington Market—were [111] read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Nehemiah Allen & others for a Pump in Oliver Street —was read & referred to the Alderman & assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Charles Williams a minor for permission to drive a Cart, was read and granted.

A Petition of Patrick McKay praying payment for a Lot of his taken to widen Chamber Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner & Comptroller

An application of Leond Bleecker for $1500 being the amount of two grants made by the Legislature for the N York Free School was read, and ordered, that the Comptroller report a Warrant for the same

A Petition of Benjn Watson for permission to keep his Store open on the Sabath for the accomodation of persons crossing the Ferry— was read, & ordered Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

[112] A Petition of A L Stewart & Wm Chivis praying that Varrick Street may be regulated & curb stone laid from Broome to Canal Street, was read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A Remonstrance of sundry owners of Lots in Lombardy Street against a Petition of sundry Owners of Hackney Carriages for Stands at Lombardy Park—was read & Referred to the Committee on the said Petition—Viz Aldern Buckmaster Mr King Mr Nitchie

A Petition of Charles Dobbs & others carters of Manure—praying an alteration of the Law on that subject—was read and referred to Alder[n] Pell M[r] Nitchie M[r] Hardenbrook

A further Representation from Theodorus Bailey & Elbert Anderson renewing the proposals formerly made by them to the Common Council—was read & referred to the former Committee on that subject.

[113] A further Petition of M Schuyler for remission of penalty incurred by his Horse stripping the Bark from the Trees in the Street —was read and ordered he have leave to withdraw his petition.

The City Inspector presented Drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 1110 to N° 1145 which were passed.

He also presented a statement, of the situation of the Drain in Broad Street & Gouverneurs lane. and recommended that the Superintendant of Repairs be directed to cause the same to be repaired—which was agreed to.

And a special Ordinance for correction of a Nuisance in Anthony Street—which was passed.

The Council on the subject of the lease to Willett & Maxwell presented the following Report.

The Council of the Corporation has the honor to present to the Common Council a Lease to Marinus Willett & James Horner Maxwell for the Ferry [114] from Delancy Street Slip to Williamsburgh and also a deed of release from the Corporation to Col[n] Willett for the Lot of ground which was formerly conveyed by Col[n] Willett to the Corporation for the accomodation of the former Ferry from Willetts Wharf.

In consequence of the absence of M[r] Maxwell from the City the Counterpart of the Lease has not been executed nor has Col[n] Willett as yet executed a conveyance of the Lot which he is to give in exchange for the one released to him by the accompanying Deed

The Subscriber therefore submits to the Corporation the propriety of executing the Lease and deed herewith presented, and delivering them to the Council as Escrows to be held by him as such until the execution of the Counterpart, of the Lease, the surrender of the old Lease—and the execution and delivery of the above mentioned conveyance by Col[n] Willett

respectfully submitted

(Sig[d]) D S Jones

Which was approved and the leases [115] directed to be executed agreably to said Report

He also presented *presented* the following

The Council of the Corporation herewith presents to the Common Council for execution a Grant to Peter Schermerhorne and Samuel A Lawrence for the Water Lot on the North River between Carlisle Street and the Albany Basin

A Grant for these premises was, by a resolution of the Common Council on 16 December 1811, ordered to be issued to Levi Coit and Samuel A Lawrence—and on the 6 January 1812 it having been stated that Mr Coit had conveyed his right to Mr Peter Schermerhorne, the Board ordered the Grant to be issued to Messrs Schermerhorn & Lawrence. In consequence of these directions of the Board the Council prepared the draught of the grant which is now presented, and submitted the same to Messrs Schermerhorn and Lawrence these gentlemen being dissatisfied with some of the covenants desired that the draught might be refered to a Committee of the Corporation, this was done on 7th September, and Mr. Schermerhorn attended before that Committee and made certain objections to the grant and desired certain alterations which were not however acceded to by the Committee. Subsequently to that period Messrs Schermerhorn & Lawrence have agreed to accept the grant as drawn [116] by the Council and have executed the Counterpart thereof

The Council has deemed it proper to make this communication to the Board as well to explain the cause of the delay which has taken place since the grant was ordered to be made as also to enable the Board to judge of the propriety of permitting Messrs Schermerhorn & Lawrence to have a grant of the premises upon the principles contained in the Resolution of Decr 16 1813. above referred to in conformity with which the accompanying Grant has been framed

respectfully submitted

(Signed) D S Jones.

Which was approved. & the Grant ord to be duly executed

He also presented a Law for the establishment of a sinking Fund for the redemption of the City Stock which was read and ordered to be printed, and made the order of the day for next monday

The Street Commissioner presented assessments—for regulating and paving Charlotte Street at the Slip—for regulating [117] and paving Suffolk St from Grand to Delancy St for regulating & paving Courtlandt St—for a Well & Pump in Henry St at Greenwich & for a Well & Pump in Broome St between Ellis & Mott St—which were confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each

also an Ordinance for a Well & Pump in Lombardy St near Scammel* which was passed and Solomon Wheeler Robert Coles & William Stilwell were appointed Assessors

And a Return of Delinquents on Assessments, for paving Peck Slip for regulating Pitt Street for a Well & Pump in Henry St for a Well & Pump in First St for a Well & Pump in Mott St

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue for collecting the same.

The Street Commissioner on the petition of sundry owners of ground, to have Leonard Street opened Reported that in his opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted and that the Attorney of the Corporation be instructed to take measures to have the same carried into effect

(Signed) John McComb.

[118] Which was approved.

The Street Commissioner stated that Stephen Kingsland one of the Assessors appointed in the Ordinance for building a Bulkhead at the Foot of Broome Street was indisposed and recommended that Ezekiel Bishop be appointed in his stead.

which was approved.

The Committee on Streets and Street Commissioner on the Petition for opening Frankfort Street reported, That they have viewed the premises and taken the subject under consideration and are of opinion that the widening of Frankfort Street near Pearl Street will be attended with advantage both to the neighbourhood, and to the public recommend that proper measures be forthwith taken to procure the property of Stephen Hitchcock so as to widen Frankfort Street on a line with the Houses lately erected by Walter Bowne at the corner of Pearl Street

which is respectfully submitted

[119] (Signed) E W King
R Cunningham
John McComb Junr

Which was approved.

The Committee on Laws & ordinances & Council to whom was referred the award of J Clinch & T Storey in the case of C Smith & Ann his Wife presented a Report which was read & referred to the Attorney.

* Marginal note reads *See 167.*—Ed.

The Comptroller on the Petition of the Superintendant of the Manhattan Water Works reported, that in his opinion the Manhattan Company for the last 12 years have had in their possession a piece of Ground belonging to the Corporation—which was ordered to be referred to the Attorney with power to prosecute if necessary for the recovery of the same

The Comptroller and Council of the Board to whom was referred the Petition of George Zabriskie. Reported That the facts stated in the said Petition are true and as it appears, that the persons in whose favor the Grant was heretofore directed [120] to be made, refused payment of the Quit rent, not because they considered the same invalid or intended to decline taking it, but because the Estate of which this would form a part, was in Suit that Suit is now terminated—They are desirous to have the Grant and are willing to pay all arrearages & Interest a compliance with said request is therefore respectfully recommended

(Signed) Thoˢ R Mercein
D S Jones

Which was agreed to.

The Comptroller & Street Commissioner on the Petition of Samˡ Thompson and others, presented a Report, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee, to make a settlement with said Petitioners

The Comptroller presented an account of B Skaats for fuel furnished the Different offices of the City Hall together with the following Report.

The Comptroller has examined the sᵈ acct current of Mʳ B Skaats for money [121] received and expended for Fuel for the use of the appartments of the City Hall and the different Watch Houses and finds the same correct

Amount received	$950.
" Expended	919.11
Balᶜ in the hands of Mʳ Skaats	$30.89

As the Season has arrived when it is proper to purchase Fuel for the ensuing Winter the Comptroller respectfully recommends that a Warrant be granted to Mʳ Skaats for $800 for that purpose

(Signed) Thoˢ R Mercein Compʳ

Which was approved. and a Warrant was ordered to issue accordingly.

A Petition of a Committee in behalf of the Fire Department of the City of N York praying the Corporation would grant them a Lot of ground for a free School—was read and referred to Alden Mesier Wendover & Mr King

A Request from the Chief Engineer that David Dibble might be attached to Fire Engine Company No 2 was read & granted

The Committee on Assessments to whom [122] the subject of examining the Assessment for paving and regulating Peck Slip was referred, Reported—That they have duly examined the subject and that in their opinion there is no sufficient reason for interfering with the said Assessment

(Signed) J Nitchie
J Warren Brackett
Jos Hedden
A H Lawrence

Which was agreed to.

The Attorney presented for Execution a Bond for the purchase of the Government House and grounds adjacent agreably to a late act of the Legislature for the sum of
which was ordered to be duly executed

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	$95867.13
Warrants not presented	$950.14
	$94916.99

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts, viz

[123] Hedden & Angevine Watch	315.00
Holden & Lawrence "	498.75
Farrington & White "	621.25
Hays & Bogart "	670.25
F Brunell for Society for relief of French Refugees by order of Bd 12 Inst	225.00
Alden Mesier & E W King Expenses to Washington	358.98
H Smith Retn Costs in conformity to the Report of the Comtee of Charity June 21	15.00
B Hart Powder Celebran 35 Anivery A Indence	179. 4
D W Crocker Corporan Dinner 5 Inst inclus sundries sent to Prison (by order)	298.18
J Brower Assessr Well & Pump & Regulas Wooster St	27.00
A Smith cleaning a Drain & regulating intersections of Streets	18.19
R Moran on Acct pavs Peck Slip	100.00
E Jennings repairs Well in Grand St	14.25

L Persiany Expenses Mud Machine to June 13	184.62
Jno Vredenburgh rent of Hook & Ladder House to 13 July	60.00
R Furman Supdt Alms House	5000.00
Jas Wallace Supdt Repairs	1000.00
	$9585.51
Balc in Treasury	$85331.48

[124] In Common Council July 26 1813

present. The Honl De Witt Clinton Mayor President

John Vanderbilt Jr	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
Charles Dickenson		Augusn H Lawrence	
Richard Cunningham		Elisha W King	
George Buckmaster		Thos R Smith	
Peter H Wendover		Josiah Hedden	
Nicholas Fish		Asa Mann	
		Wm A Hardenbrook	
		James Palmer	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition from William Lozier & others proprietors of Lots on Charlton Street praying to have said Street paved was read and referred to the St Commissior

A Petition of Joseph Poll for relief from penalty incurred under nuisance Law was read & referred to the Attorney with power to remit the same, on the usual terms.

[125] A Petition of T S Brown & others Inhabitants of Broad Street, respecting the Drain in said Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to suspend the Work if in his opinion necessary.

A Petition of Edmund Kirby & others residents in Crosby St praying to have said Street paved & sidewalks gravelled was read and referred to the Street Commisr

A Petition of C Collis stating that he had invented a Telegraph by which intelligence could be conveyed with great accuracy and celerity, but being without funds, he prayed the aid of the Board in constructing one, was read and referred to the Committee of Defence with authority to afford him assistance to the amount of not exceeding $100.

A Petition of Hathaway & Marsh praying to have the Roof of the Flag staff repaired was read and referred to the Battery Committee

with authority to cause the same to be repaired if in their opinion necessary.

[126] A Petition of J McCullough praying relief from a penalty incurred under the Street Law was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward.

A Petition of Donald Frazier for an appointment under the Corporation was read and referred to the Committee on applications

A Petition of J Grigg and others Inhabitants of Catharine Street for a New Pump in said Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner, and also a petition for a Well & Pump in Orchard between Rivington & Stanton St

A Petition of Robert Nesbit & others Inhabitants of James Street for a Pump in said Street, was read & referred to the Alderⁿ & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Agnes Dennis praying some relief from the Corporation was read and referred to the Committee of Charity

A Petition of William Bowne & others [127] for a Pump in Provost Street near the corner of Varrick Street was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition of J Gardner & others Inhabitants near Corlears Hook praying that a Fish Market may be erected at the lower end of Grand Street was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Jacob Roome & others residents in Bowery Lane for a Pump in Rivington Street was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioʳ

A Petition of Frederick Depeyster for a Water Lot grant in Washington St was read & referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner

An offer of Ann Smith Executrix of the Estate of D Wilkins Deceased, to lease for 4 Years at $600. the outside pier of Courtlandt Street was read & ordered to lie on the Table

A Petition of Joseph O Bogert and [128] others for a Pump in Pell Street between Bowery Road & Doyer Street was read and referred to the Alderⁿ & Assᵗ of the Ward & Street Commissioner

Petitions of J Stevens. James Blauvelt & A Patterson for appointments of Inspectors of Charcoal, were read & referred to the Committee on applications

A Petition of Owen McCabe for relief from penalty incurred under the Law correcting nuisances was read and referred to the City Inspector.

A Petition of Marinus Willett & James H Maxwell for permission to assign the lease for Delancy Street Ferry to J Slidell—N Richards —J Graham F Fowler Rich[d] Black & D Dunham as Trustees of the same. and also that the covenant may be so altered as to permit them to employ either such Steam Boat as is designated in the said lease or a Boat to be propelled by Machinery worked by Horses was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

[129] A Petition of Tredwell and Thorne for water Lot grants adjoining their property at Brooklyn was read and referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner

A Petition of James Kirk for stand N° 23 Fly Market was read & referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of William Corlis and others for a Pump at the corner of Pump and Orange Street was read & referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of George Simpson for relief from penalty incurred under Market Law, was read, and ordered he have leave to withdraw his petition.

A Petition of Edward W Laight & others. owners of Lots in the upper part of Cherry Street praying to have said Street opened from Scammel to Walnut Street was read & referred to the Alder[n] & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner

[130] A Petition of the Inhabitants of Frankfort Street for delaying the widening of said Street and a Letter of Stephen Hitchcock against said Petition & offering to relinquish all claims to damages for removing his House—were severally read and ordered to lie on the Table

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Broad Way and Sp[r]ing Street for a Pump corner of said Streets was read and referred to the Alder[n] & Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of Sarah Seymour for a Hucksters stand in one of the Markets was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Martin Meyers for appointment of Inspector of Manure was read and referred to the Committee on applications.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well & Pump in [131] Bancker St—which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

Also, an ordinance for regulating Varrick Street which was passed and John Brower William Stilwell & Lemuel Skidmore were appointed Assessors.

The City Inspector presented a Report on the situation of Christopher Street which was read, and. Resolved that the Street Commissioner take Measures to cause the complaint removed, and also that it be referred to the Street Commissioner to report a Plan for the general regulation of the Village of Greenwich

The Comptroller stated for the information of the Board that he had received from Archibald MacIntyre Esq^{r} Comptroller of the State a copy of a conveyance for the Government House and grounds adjoining and has forwarded to Albany the Bonds for the same. By a general Law of the State the Comptroller is authorised to receive at any time all or any part of any sum of Money due the State [132] (except such as is made on Loans made to Counties)

As the Bond for the Custom House bears an Interest of 6 per cent a considerable saving may be made by the Common Council's availing themselves of the act above referred to and paying part of the amount of the Bond for $50 000. The Undersigned thinks that the present state of the Treasury will justify an appropriation of Twenty thousan[d] Dollars & respectfully recommends the same

(signed) Tho^{s} R Mercein Compt^{r}

Which was agreed to and a Warrant ordered to issue for $20 000.

The Council presented Petitions to the Supreme Court, for opening part of Avenue A—for the enlarging and improving Murray Street & Frankfort Street—and for opening and extending Leonard Street, which were ordered to be duly authenticated

He also presented a Grant to George Zabriskie for a Water Lot on the North River which was ordered to be duly executed

[133] The following person was appointed a Fireman the Chief Engineer certifying the *the* vacancy.

Hook & Ladder Comp^{y} N^{o} 4

Elisha Williams, Grocer 19 Bowery Lane Vice William S Beathel gone in the Country

The Committee on the Petition of sundry Cartmen praying an alteration of the Manure Law reported.

That they have attentively examined into the subject and are of opinion that the Petitioners ought to be relieved and for this purpose they recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Sixteenth Section of "the Law for the removal of filth and dirt from the Streets in the City of New York and for other purposes" passed 30th March 1812 be amended by striking out the words "to Attorney Street thence through Attorney Street to

Rivington Street, thence through Rivington Street to the East River" and inserting instead [134] thereof the words following "To Arundle Street thence through Arundle Street to Stanton Street thence through Stanton Street to Attorney Street thence through Attorney Street to North Street thence through North Street to the East River and that it shall and may be lawful to transport and Cart any manure which now is or hereafter may be collected in heaps to the northward of the last mentioned boundaries to any part of the East River North of the Southerly side of Rivington Street without exposing the party so doing to any of the penalties mentioned in the said Sixteenth section

(Signed) John Nitchie
Wm A Hardenbrook

Which was read and agreed to

[135] The Comptroller and Street Commissioner to whom the Petition of Patrick McKay Reported

That in their opinion the Petitioner should have leave to surrender his lease on the Lot next to the intersection of Chamber & Cross Streets and that he be paid the valuation agreably to a Resolution of the Common Council. also that an allowance be made him for the Stone used in the construction of a small Cellar

First deducting the amount of Rent due from Mr MacKay.

Which is respectfully Submitted

Signed Thos R Mercein
Comptroller
John McComb Jr
St Commr

Which was agreed to.

[136]*

[137] The Survey Committee on the petition of Robert MacComb and the Remonstrance of John B Coles respecting a Bridge and Dam across Harlaem River presented a Report, the consideration of which was postponed for two weeks

The Committee on the Fire Department on the petition of Fire Engine Company No 33 and on the petition from the Inhabitants in and about the neighbourhood of Corlears Hook for a larger Engine

Reported that the present Engine is of the size 3 & ¾ Inch Calliper is very old and frequently wants repair and if put in the line causes a great waste of water

* Blank page except for a memorandum written in pencil, which reads *Papers being referred, a larger blank than necessary was left.*—Ed.

Your Committee therefore recommend that they be granted a new Engine of not less than 6 Inches Calliber and that the Committee on the Fire Department procure the same.

all of which is respectfully submitted,

By order of the Committee

(Signed) Wm A Hardenbrook Chn

Which was agreed to.

The same Committee on the Petition [138] of Fire Engine Company No 23 for an enlargement of their Engine House reported that they have had the same under consideration and are of opinion, as it would very much accomodate the Company, that the prayer of the Petition be granted and that the Superintendant of repairs take measures to cause the same to be done

all which is respectfully submitted

By order of the Committee

(Signed) Wm A Hardenbrook Chn

Which was agreed to.

The same committee on the Report of the Chief Engineer respecting the neglect of duty of the Company of No 9. reported that they have had an interview with the Foreman of said Company by which it appears that at the time of the Fire in Reed Street that they proceeded to the corner of said Street, but finding several of the Engines returning they also returned altho it was their duty to watch the Fire agreably to rotation and notice thereof had of the Chief Engineer.

That at the Fire in Bancker Street on hearing the alarm went to their [139] Engine House saw a little light in the atmosphere was told it was above Corlears Hook therefore did not conceive it necessary to go, heard the Bells ring but did not start from the House with the Engine

From the foregoing Statement of facts the Committee deem it their duty to submit the following Resolution for the approbation of the Board viz

Resolved, that Fire Company No 9 of which Jacob Sherred is Foreman having on the night of the 11 June & 9th July last neglected *their* to attend to their duties as prescribed by law the Corporation hereby declare their conduct to be highly improper & censurable

By order of the Committee

(signed) Wm A Hardenbrook Chn

Which was approved

a Communication from the Foreman of the Company was received. and read.

Resolved that the Resolution of the 21 June* respecting the improving of & Widening Murray Street, be altered and instead of widening the same to the River—that the same be widened to Greenwich Street.

[140] Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to examine and report which of the Streets West of Broad Way and between Spring & Hammond Streets remain unceded to this Corporation

Ordered that a Warrant issue for $3000. for the Flotilla employed by the Corporation

On Motion resolved that the Law establishing a sinking Fund be made the order of the day for Monday next

Resolved that Nassau Street be altered by running the westerly line thereof from the Southerly corner of the Lot of ground belonging to John M^cComb to Wall Street in a course paralel to the Westerly line of Eastburn Kirk & Downe's Lot

Resolved that the Street Commissioner & Superintendant of repairs take possession of the Lot fronting on Wall Street which will be formed by the said alteration for the purposes of a Watch and Engine House.

[141] The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	$85461.30
Warrants not presented	1473.32
	$83987.98

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts

Leond Bleecker. Treasurer N Y Free Scholl	1500.00
B Skaats To purchase Fuel for Hall & Watch H	800.00
The Comptroller to pay Aldern attending Court of Cessions from Decr 1812 to July 1813	768.00
B Skaats ringing Bells on Monday 5th July	40.50
S Stilwell Balc due as St Comsr	28.76
Wm M^cCormick Balc due on an Award for widening Pearl Street	200.00
T & G Lovett on Act regulas Arundle St	100.00
Abm Stagg on Acct paving Courtlandt St	300.00
R Moran on Acct paving Grand St	150.00
M Reid balc on a Well & Pump Henry St	69.00

* Marginal note reads *page 70.*—ED.

P Kelly on Acct paving Suffolk St	250.00
Chas Mooney regulating Varrick St	100.00
Wm G Barker 14 Casks Summer Lamp Oil	1381.00
M Banks Blacksmiths work for Pumps	31.37
H Brush repairs to pumps &c &c	60.28
J Richardson cleaning wells	51.56
Wm Stratton 1s Instalmt on a Well & Pump in Bancker St	69.25
M Reid Instalmt Well & Pump Orchard St	82.20
[142] T & G Lovett First Instalmt for a Pier W. side James Slip as per contract	450.31
J McComb Jr Paymaster N C Hall	1000.00
J Randall for surveys per Contract	500.00
Thos R Mercein for A MacIntyre State Compr on Acct Govert House	20000.00
C Dickenson Treasr Bd Health	300.00
Thos R Mercein for N Fish Treasr Committee of Defence for Gun Boats	3000.00
	55755.25
Ballance	52755.25

[143] In Common Council August 2d 1813.

present, The Honl De Witt Clinton Mayor Presdent
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

John Vanderbilt Jr	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
Charles Dickenson		Joseph W Brackett	
Richd Cunningham		Augusn H Lawrence	
John Morss		Elisha W King	
Isaac S Douglass		Josiah Hedden	
George Buckmaster		Asa Mann	
Peter H Wendover		Wm A Hardenbrook	
John Pell		James Palmer	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Letter from T L Ogden with a cession of the Streets belonging to Trinity Church between North Moore and Christopher was read and referred to the Street Commissioner Council & Comptroller.

A Petition of John Stevens stating that he had been prohibited from running Steam Boats at Hoboken Ferry by [144] Mr Fulton and praying, that a boat propell'd by Horses may be considered as an adequate substitute, was read and referred to the Ferry Committee

An Invitation from the President and Professors of Columbia

Colledge to attend their annual Commencement was read and accepted.

A Petition of James Barrow for some appointment under the Common Council, with an accompanying recommendation of Thos Barrow was read and referred to the Committee on applications.

A Petition of Andrew Morris to have First Avenue opened from South of 10th Street to 5th Street was read and referred to the Committee on Surveys and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Rose Campbell for relief was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

[145] A Petition of Mary Emmitt for a Stand in the Bear Market for selling vegetables was read and referred to the Market Comtee

A Petition of James Kirk for Stand No 23 in the Fly Market and a recommendation from a number of respectable persons in favor of Petitioner was read and granted.

A Petition of William Somerndyke Henry Meyers & others praying the Common Council to rescind the order last made with respect to Manure and a concurrence in the prayer of the Petitioners by a number of the Inhabitants of the 8th Ward was read and referred to the former Committee on that subject Viz Mr Nitchie

A Petition of Abraham Furman for permission to sell live stock in the Fly Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

The City Inspector presented drafts of [146] Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from No 1145 to No 1170. which were passed.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Orchard Street which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

Also. an Ordinance for paving Crosby Street from Prince to Bleecker Street—which were passed & Wm Stilwell John Brower & Leml Skidmore were appointed Assessors

And ordinances for Wells & Pumps in Provost, Spring James Pell Orange Rivington & Orchard Streets, which were passed & Wm Stilwell. John Brower & Leml S[k]idmore were appointed Assessors in the Four first—& Ezekiel Bishop Solomon Wheeler & Robert Coles in the three latter.

A Report was received from Dr Ball Assistant to the Board of Health, respecting the situation of the City Prison which was read and referred to the Police Committee & City Inspector

[147] The Committee on the Petition of sundry Inhabitants in the vicinity of Corlears Hook

Reported That the facts set forth in said Petition are true, that before the contract for regulating Cherry Street was completed the Contractors and their Sureties became bankrupt and that there remains unappropriated of the Monies collected about $280

Your Committee are of opinion that as Cherry Street is the only direct thoroughfare to Corlears Hook it would conduce much to public as well as private convenience to have said Street regulated and paved from Rutgers street to the East River but that so much thereof as lies between Montgomery and Wallnut Streets be done this Season and the remainder by the first day of June next.

Your Committee would further state that in their opinion it would be but just and proper that the monies already collected should be applied to that part of the Street only on which the assessment was made Viz from Scammel to Walnut S[t]

(Signed) George Buckmaster
John M[c]Comb J[r]
S[t] Coms[r]

[148] Which was read and approved.

The Committee on Streets & Street Commissioner on the propriety of opening Varrick Street from Vandam to the center of Hammersly Street, reported That they can discover no reasonable objection to the opening of said Street & are therefore of opinion it ought to be carried into effect.

(Signed) George Buckmaster
E W King
Rich[d] Cunningham
John M[c]Comb J[r]
S[t] Coms[r]

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on the Petition for a Pump in Catharine Street reported that in their opinion the prayer of the Petition ought to be granted & recommended that the Sup[dt] of Repairs be d[i]rected to carry the same into effect.

Which was agreed to.

The Committee on the Memorial of George Janeway & Garrit B Abeel respecting a Piece of ground in Magazine Street [149] Reported that according to the powers vested in them [they] have agreed with

the parties to leave the whole subject to arbitration each party appointing one arbitrator who shall have full powers to finally settle the same: And request that the Council & Attorney of the Board be desired to have the arbitration Bonds drawn up and executed by the parties interested

Your Committee also beg leave to recommend to the Board the appointment of Mr Geo Ireland as the Arbitrator on their part being a person well qualified in the opinion of your Committee for that duty

All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Isaac S Douglass
Wm A Hardenbrook
Augustt H Lawrence
John McComb Jr
St Commr

Which Report was agreed to.

The Comptroller stated to the Board that in conformity to the conditions embraced in the Report of the Street Commissioner on that subject P McKay has surrendered to the Corporation the lease of a Lot of ground in Augustus Street, which [150] Lot is next adjoining a small triangular piece of ground the corner of Augustus Street formerly ceded to and now also belonging to the Corporation. The present situation of said premises is dangerous and affords a receptacle for every species of Filth. he therefore suggests the propriety of disposing of the lease of both Lots for the usual number of years and as property in that neighbourhood is fast improving he respectfully recommends that they be sold subject to the conditions of erecting thereon a Fire proof House, not less than two stories High fronting on Chamber Street.

respectly Submted
(Sigd) Thos R Mercein Compr

Which was agreed to and Ordered that the Lots be leased at Auction agreably to said Report by the Comptroller under the direction of the Finance Committee

He also made a representation to the Board respecting the Government House which was read and referred to Messrs Lawrence. Nitchie—Alden Wendover the Street Commissioner & Comptroller.

[151] He also laid before the Board Nine Conveyances to the persons therein named for commutation of Quits conformably to a resolution of the Honl Com Council heretofore passed Viz

To whom granted	Date & annual rent	By whom commuted	Amt paid to the Treasurer therefor
E Delancy.....	29th Apl 1773 £4.7.0.	Peter Dustan	$181.40
J & N Va Courtlandt..	3 Febr 1773 £4.11.6	Do	190.44
N Gouverneur.....	21 Mar 1775 , £8.5.0	Garrit Storm	343.67
J Roosevelt.....	24 July 1776 £1.10.0	G B Abeel	62.56
Wm Bancker.....	24 July 1776 £1.17.6	Do	78.11
A Rutgers.....	Do £1.17.6	David Stebbins	78.11
A Bancker.....	Do £1.17.6	Do	78.11
Mary Barclay.....	Do £1.17.6	Do	78.11
Wm Walton.....	Do £2.14.11/4	Jas D L Walton	114.58
			1205.09

(Signed) Thos R Mercein, Compr

which were ordered to be duly executed.

A Communication from Jacob Hays & Isaac Bogert Captains of City Watch for the 3d District respecting alterations in the System now observed in the Watch Department. was read & referred to the Watch Committee.

Resolved that the faculty of arts of [152] Columbia College be allowed on those days when the annual Commencement of that Institution is held to cause one or more Chains to be placed across the streets in front and on the sides of the Church where such Commencement may be held, during the continuance of the Commencement exercises, for the purpose of preventing the passage of Carts Coaches & other carriages. And that no Hackney Coaches or Carriages shall be permitted to stand opposite such Church during the Exercises.

Upon Motion of Mr Hardenbrook Matthew Horn was appointed a Weigher of Hay in the place of James Horn resigned.

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury.....	$59.343.43
Warrants not presented.....	1850.14
	$57493.29

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

[153] Hays & Bogert City Watch.....		670.25
Farrington & White	"	621.25
Holden & Lawrence	"	498.75
Hedden & Angevine	"	315.00

R Graves Asst St Comr 1 May to 1 Aug	197.50
M Ackerman Keeper Potters field. July	46.50
B Hicks Asst City Inspr "	62.00
C E Duncan Ass St Inspr	54.00
A B Holmes " " " "	54.00
S Green " " " "	54.00
J Hardie Asst City Inspr "	65.00
C Holt for the Columbian 6 Mo to 2 July	37.50
T & G Lovett regt pavg Charlotte St	300.00
R Moran Acct pavg Grand St	100.00
Abm Stagg Acct pavg Courtlandt St	200.00
A Smith regulag Prince St	34.00
E Jennings balc Well & pump 1st St	129. 3
P McKay balc award openg Cherry St	220.00
R Moran labor & Materials for the Intesection Hester & Rynder Sts	203.30
C Oneal cleaning Wells &c	89.43
E Jennings First Installment well & Pump in Mulberry Street	100.00
E Jennings 1st Installment for Well & Pump in Fair Street	88.50
A Rooke Keeper Signal Poles 1 Qr Salary to 1 Inst	82.50
[154] Chr Collis on acct His Telegraph by order Comtee Defence	100.00
R Furman Treasure[r] New Alms House	10000.00
Do Do Supdt of Alms House	5000.00
W Fish to pay 1 Qr Interest City Stock due 1 Inst	10500.00
J McComb paymaster New City Hall	1000.00
	30.822.51
Balance	26670.78

This being the period of the Quarterly visitation of the Alms House & Bridewell The Board proceeded to the performance of that duty

[155] In Common Council August 9th 1813

present The Honl De Witt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

John Vanderbilt Jr Charles Dickenson Isaac S Douglass John Morss George Buckmaster Peter H Wendover	Aldermen	John Nitchie Augusn H Lawrence Joseph W Brackett Elisha W King James Palmer Wm A Hardenbrook Asa Mann	Assistants

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of William Armstrong for an appointment as a Collector of Assessments or as Street Inspector was read and referred to the Committee on Applicns

A Memorial of Robert Morris was presented stating that he is proprietor of lands in the County of Westchester in the vicinity of Devoes Point—that the exclusive priviledges granted by the legislature [156] to John B Coles for his Bridge across Haerlem River have been injurious to the Petitioner and to the owners of land in that neighbourhood—that he understands an act passed the Legislature at their last Session granting to Robert M^{c}Comb the prevelledge of erecting a Dam & Bridge across Haerlem and from Bussings Point to Devoes Point—that the terms upon which said Robert M^{c}Comb hath offered to erect said Bridge are highly advantageous to the Petitioner and to the proprietors of land in his vicinity he therefore prayed said proposal of Robert M^{c}Comb may receive the countenance of the Corporation.

Ordered that the same lie on the table to be taken up when the Report of the Committee on the Petition of R M^{c}Comb is considered.

A Representation from the Foreman of Fire Engine Company N^{o} 4 that Alexander M^{c}Kenzie who was elected a Member of said Company and as such appointed by the Common Council proves [157] to be an alien and requesting the direction of the Board in the premises was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition from Hose Company N^{o} 1 was presented stating that they find from experience at the late Fires that their Company is not sufficiently numerous to render due assistance at fires and praying an addition of six Men was ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition of the Lamp lighters for an encrease of pay was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented ordinances for regulating and paving Cherry Street from Rutgers to Corlears Street and for paving Broad Way from Anthony to Canal Street which were passed and Ezekiel Bishop Solomon Wheeler and Robert Coles were appointed Assessors in the former & William Stilwell. John Brown & Lemuel Skidmore [158] in the latter.

He also presented an Ordinance for paving Arundle Street from Division to Stanton Street which was passed & Ezekiel Bishop. Solomon Wheeler and Robert Coles were app^{d} Assessors

He also presented assessments—for a Well & Pump in Mulberry Street between Hester & Grand S^{t}—for a Well & Pump in Fair Street near William Street which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector in each

He also presented an Assessment for a Drain in Broad Street the consideration of which was postponed.

The Council to whom was referred the Report of the Committee of laws on the Award relative to Charles Smith and Wife reported That Assessments for filling in the Slip at Courtlandt Street have recently been made according to law, and by those assessments a Sum of Money has been imposed upon the property of Smyth & Wife nearly equivalent [159] to the amount of the award in question The Council therefore suggests to the Board the propriety of setting off those assessments against the award and paying the balance only to Mr Smith. and for the purpose of effecting that arrangement the Council recommends that a Warrant be issued to some proper person, for the amount of the award—who may pay the Assessment to the Collector receive his receipt and deliver such receipt with the balance of the Award to Mr Smith, upon the execution of the requisite acquittance from him and his Wife for the amount of the award.

respectfully Submted

(Signed) D S Jones

Which was approved and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant agreably thereto in favor of the Council to be applied by him in payment of said Ballance

The City Inspector represented that the lateral Drain in Gouverneurs Lane was choaked up. Ordered that the subject be referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward and the Superintendant of repairs

[160] The Council agreably to order presented a Law to prevent Dyers and others from using the public Pumps &c which was directed to be referred to the Committee on Laws.

The Committee on the Petitions of the Captains of the Watch of the 3d District (who had recommended.

1. That the stands at the Mayors House, the Debtors appartment, Bridewell, Duane Catharine & Bear Markets should still remain as they now are

2 That they be permitted to divide their District into such number of Divisions as to them shall appear proper; and to assign to every such division such number of Watchmen as they may deem requisite and also to appoint for each a suitable person out of the Watchmen as a foreman to each division

3 That each Foreman shall cause the men under his charge to patrol each Street in the division assigned to them and keep them

constantly employed in Walking through the same and that he shall see each man assigned him every [161] 15 or 20 Minutes to ascertain how they are engaged.

4 That the rounds as formerly shall perform the duty assigned in the same manner as heretofore, and that it shall be expressly enjoined upon them to see the several Divisions properly attended to, and if the Watchmen shall neglect or refuse to obey the orders of his foreman, when on duty out of the Watch House such Watchman shall be forthwith dismissed—and further that it shall be the duty of the Captains to assign a proper place in each division where the patrols are to be relieved.

The subscribers would here observe that altho' the 4th Section of this "Law for the better regulation of the City Watch &c empowers the Captains to fix the rounds and Stations in their respective districts, they do not think it advisable to make such alteration from the established custom as that which they now contemplate without the approbation of the Board

They request that you would be pleased to direct them to put the aforesaid plan to trial in their district for a short time and if after such experiment [*163] it shall be found useful they shall report the same to your Hon^{l} Body

(Signed) Jacob Hays
Isaac Bogert)

reported that they have given the same their most serious consideration and are induced to recommend to the Board the adoption of the system of Patrolling the Watchmen within the district of Capt^{ns} Hays. & Bogert

(Signed) Isaac S Douglass
G Buckmaster
P H Wendover
E W King

Which was approved.

The same Committee on the Petition of the Inhabitants of Hague St Reported that as Hague Street was within the District within which the system of patrolling the watch was to be adopted the stationary watchmen was thereby rendered unnecessary.

Which was approved.

The Watch and Lamp Committee to whom had been referred to consider & [164] report what improvements may be made in lighting

* Clerk's error in numbering.—Ed.

the public Lamps reported That they have had an interview with Messrs Ward & Tallman, and witnessed an exhibition of their gass light. of the superiority of this species of light over that produced by oil your Committee have no doubt, but the propositions made by Messrs Ward & Tallman are such as your Committee deem inexpedient for this Board to accept.

Your Committee being informed that the principle of lighting lamps by means of Gass is not a secret confined to the above named Gentlemen, recommend that the Lamp Committee be empowered to make an experiment of the same in causing the Lamps in front of the City Hall or such other place as they may deem proper to be lighted in the manner proposed

On the subject of lighting the public Lamps by means of the City watchmen your Committee forbear giving any opinion at this time as a material alteration is contemplated in the disposition of the watch Department which in practice may have a [165] material bearing upon this subject

(Signed) Isaac S Douglass
E W King
G Buckmaster
John Vanderbilt
P H Wendover

Which Report was approved

Mr Brackett presented a Law further to regulate Swine which was referred to the Committee on Laws

The Council presented a Petition to the Judges of the Supreme Court for opening Varrick Street from Vandam Street to the center of Hamersley Street which was agreed to, and ordered to be duly authenticated

Mr Hardenbrook represented that at the late fire in Fair Street a Citizen named Jeremiah Taylor in his spirited exertions to stop the progress of the devouring Element had unfortunately perished in the attempt—that he had left a widow and several children in indigent circumstances

[166] He therefore moved that it be referred to a Committee to consider and report such suitable aid as the Common Council should afford the bereaved family. Which was agreed to and the Committee appointed were Mr Hardenbrook Alderm Wendover Alderm Vanderbilt

A Petition of Ebenezer Boggs on subject of a Well he had dug in Pump Street and for which payment had been refused him—was referred to the Alderm & Assistant of the Ward & Supdt of Repairs

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

Hook & Ladder N° 1.

Lawrence DeForrest Grocer 90 Broad St 1 Ward Vice George Tait resigned

F Eng^n Comp N° 1 — Anthony Minton House Carpenter Leonard St 5 W^ard Vice J. Hurly expelled

N° 24 — Walter Moffatt. Cabinet Maker 43 Beaver St 1 W^d vice Israel Underhill resigned

N° 39. — [167] Sam^l Maverick Cop^r plate print^r 73 Liberty St 3^d W^d Vice W^m Hull resg^d

Christopher Giffing Silver Smith 40 Chapple St Vice John Wilson resigned

N° 31. — Isaac Brown Grocer. White & Church St 5^th W^d Vice James Weeb res^gd

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Robert MacComb was taken up and after some time spent thereon was made the order of the day for Monday next

The law entitled "a Law making provision for the redemption of the City stock" was called up and having been read by Paragraphs was passed unanimously. and ordered that 100 Copies of the same be printed

Resolved that the *ordinance for a Pump in Lombardy Street passed on the 19^th July last be amended by inserting instead "of Lombardy" Scammel near Lombardy Street.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner [168] be directed to report at the next meeting of the Board Ordinances for the regulation and repaving of partition & Vesey Streets below the westerly Kennel of Greenwich Street and also for the regulation and repaving of such parts of Washington as may become necessary by the regulation of Partition & Vesey Streets.

Alder^n Vanderbilt presented a Resolution directing a Rope Ladder to be furnished to each Hook & Ladder Company

Which was referred to the Committee on the fire Department

Resolved that during the recess of the Board the Comptroller under the direction of the Finance Committee, audit the ordinary Accounts of the Corporation and the Warrants for the same

Adjourned to meet this day Fortnight.

* Marginal note reads *See page 117.*—ED.

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	39.281.89
Warrants not presented	11.950.14
	$27.331.75

[169] Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Hardcastle & Vn Pelt printing including the Laws of the State relative to this City	213.00
Tredwell & Clarke Assessors of 2d Ward	60.00
Kip & Tallman " " 3 "	100.00
Heard & Varrick " " 1 "	89.00
Wheeler & Schuyler " " 10 "	90.00
Hutchins & Warner " " 5 "	125.00
Prince & MacMasters " " 7 "	110.00
L Persiany working Mud machine & Expences incidental thereto	440.21
G Thresher Execus Freedom City for Comdr Bainbridge & Captn Lawrence	70.00
A Dally sundries for Mud Machine. durs Season	136.59
J Hays High Constable 1 Qr Salry due 11 Aug	200.00
J Leonard funishs list passgrs from 1 Feby to 1 Aug	25.00
Comstock & Sawyer 27 Casks Lamp Oil	1521.66
James Richardson repairs to Streets & Bulk Head at the foot of Broad Street	24.00
R Moran balc due paving Peck Slip	73.43
T & G Lovett " " " part of Charlotte Slip	104.37
E Jennings " " Well & Pump Harrison St	45.00
R Moran Acct paving Grand St	300.00
C Mooney " " Varrick "	100.00
P Kelly " " Suffolk "	200.00
A Ackerman Dock Stone Whitehall Slip & Bear Makt	90.00
[170] H Bulwinkle 2d Instmt filling Plot. 3 Collect Lots	62.48
J Richardson repairs to & cleaning Wells	34.50
B Covey 1st Instmt for a New Pump & Well in Pitt [St]	59.80
Mark Reid balc for a Well & Pump in Willett Street	13.75
Richd Furman Treasr Washingn Market	3000.00
James Wallace Supdt Reprs on acct of Drain in Ferry Street	1000.00
	$8289.79
	19041.96
error.	2.
Balance	19043.96

[171] In Common Council August 23d 1813.

present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Esqr President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

John Vanderbilt	Aldermen	John Nitchie
Charles Dickenson		Joseph W Brackett
Isaac S Douglass		Augustine H Lawrence
Peter H Wendover		Elisha W King
Nicholas Fish		Josiah Hedden
John Pell		Wm Waldron
		Wm A Hardenbrook
		James Palmer

Assistants

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of George Love for appointment of Measurer of Coal was read and referred to the Committee on applications

A Petition of Thomas Birdsall for permission to mortgage Lot No 6 Brooklyn to saml Birdsall was read and granted.

[172] A Petition from Thomas Roach a Revolutionary soldier praying assistance from the Common Council. was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition of Thomas W Harvey to be appointed Fire Warden of the 5th Ward in place of John A Hardenbrook was read and granted.

A Remonstrance from P Young and others and of Richard Varrick and others against the Assessment for the Drain in Broad Street praying the same may not be confirmed. were referred together with the Assessment to the Street Commissr

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants for the removal of Pump No 4 in Water Street between Moore and Whitehall St was read and referred to the Aldern & Assistant of the 1st Ward

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants residing in South Street complaining of the Situation of the pavement between Coentius Slip & Exchange Slip and also [173] of the situation of the Bridge of the Exchange Pier was read and referred to the Street Commissioner & Superintendant of Repairs.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants praying that Fair Street may be opened on the South line of Partition Street from Broadway to Beeckman Slip on the East River. was read and referred to the Committee on Streets.

A Petition of C D Colden in behalf of the Sound Steam Ferry Boat Company praying the use of part of Coffee House Slip for accomodation of the Steam Boat was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition of Stephen M^cCorm[i]ck Keeper of the Park praying additional compensation was read and ordered that he be allowed 12/ per day from his last settlement.

A Memorial from Caleb S Riggs stating that the conduct of the Lessees [174] under the Corporation of the steam Ferry Boat at Paules Hook both as to the management of the Ferry and of the rates which they demand required the attention and interference of the Common Council was read and referred to the Ferry Committee

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants praying a renewal of the Dog law was read and ordered to lie for consideration.

A Communication of the Chief Engineer on the subject of establishing Reservoirs of Water in various parts of the City, was read and ordered to lie for consideration

A Petition that Budd Street might be regulated and paved from Varrick to Hudson Street was read and referred to the Alder^n & Assistant & S^t Coms^r

A Petition of William Mooney on subject of rent due from him and requesting it may be referred to a Committee was read & referred to the St Committe St Commissioner and Comptroller

[175] A Petition of William Johnson on the subject of ballance due from him to the Corporation as former Lessee of public Slips and praying remission of sum due from him was read and referred to the following Committee to report a Statement of facts and with authority to stay proceedings on Execution against Petitioner with consent of his Sureties, and so that the claim of the Corporation may not be affected thereby

Committee appointed were Alder^n Vanderbilt Alder^n Wendover M^r Hedden

A Petition from Fire Engine Company N^o 31 praying for a larger Engine—From N^o 37 praying that their Engine House may be filled in with Brick lathed & plaistered. And from Hook & Ladder Company N^o 1. for an addition of four Men to their Company were severally read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

[176] A Petition of John Grose for a Stall in Washington Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition for a Well corner of 6^th & Division St was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance for the same.

A Memorial from Rob^t MaComb on the subject of a proposed Dam & a Bridge across Harlaem River. and a Letter from Gouverneur Morris Esq^r a Petition from Augustus V^n Courtlandt. Rob^t Watts &

others a Memorial from Frederick Devoe & others & a Remonstrance from Jonathan Ward all approbatory of the measure were severally read. The Report of the Committee on said subject was agreably to order called up, and after some debate thereon was referred to the Committee on Laws & Committee on surveys, and was made the order of the Day at the next regular meeting of the Board

The Committee of Charity on the Petition [177] of Agnes Dennis. Reported That in cases equally manifest in respect to want and poverty your Committee have reported unfavorably as they believe the precedent to be dangerous and unwarrantable to grant relief without it is done by the Commissioners of the Alms House altho painful as it may prove to their feelings not to grant relief they are of opinion the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

(Signed) John Vanderbilt Jr
Wm J Waldron
James Palmer

Which was approved.

The Committee on the petition of John McCollough. reported. That they have examined into the nature of the business and find that the Deputy Street Inspector has done his duty and has been much abused at the time he made the complaint and since by McCollough are therefore of opinion the prayer of the Petition ought not to be granted.

[178] (Signed) John Vanderbilt Jr
J Warren Brackett.

Which was approved.

Upon the report of the Attorney penalties were remitted to Captain Spencer on the usual terms for not reporting passengers.

The Comptroller & St Commissioner on the Petition of Frederick Depeyster for water Lot grant reported. That they can perceive no impropriety in granting the same, but are rather of opinion that it will tend to the improvement of both Market Field & Washington Street. They therefore respectfully recommend that a grant be made on the terms heretofore determined on Provided the Petitioner becomes obligated to continue the line of Market field Street to West Street and secure the same with a good & sufficient Bulk Head and further that when required by the Board he will make and complete West Street (to be 70 feet wide) in front of the property so granted and secure the same with a good and sufficient Bulk Head

[179] The Petitioner is desirous to commute for the amount of this Grant if made as no Grant subsequent to 1804 is embraced by the

late Resolution of the Board it will require a special order if it is deemed expedient to grant it. The annual rent will be $85.4 principal $1417.50.

respectfully submitted

(Signed) Thos R Mercein
John McComb Jr

Which was confirmed excepting as to the disposition of the Sum to be received for commutation. upon which no order was taken

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

No 25	Wm Moore Engr Manu Works 7 Reed St 6th Ward. addl Man
	Joseph Tremain Mercht Walker St 5 Wd vice J Bonsell resgd
Hook & Ladder No 4	Hunt Underhill. Livery Stable 64 Bayard St 6th Ward Vice C Morris removed
No 30	Griffith Griffiths, Ship Carpenter Harman St 7 Ward Vice George Pine removed
No 21	Wm Meckleworth Saddler 10 Vandewater St 4th Wd vice Jas Gilbert lame
No 8.	[180] Alexander Murray Grocer Duane St 6 Ward vice Robt McIlwain Removed

The City Inspector presented Drafts of ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from No 1 to No 35 which were passed.

He also presented a Report stating that the Drain in Chapple Street required cleansing which was referred to the Superintendant of Repairs with directions to cause the same to be done

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents upon the following Assessments. And warrants were ordered to issue thereon for collecting the same

Assessment for paving	Grand Street
" for regulas & Do	Arrundle "
"	Varrick "
" "	Suffolk "
"	Dominick "
"	Charlotte St
for Well & Pump in	Orchard St
" "	Broome St
" "	Fair St
" "	Bancker St

[181] The Comptroller presented a Communication recommending that a Map of the property of Individuals in the outer wards of the City might be made in order that the Taxes levied thereon may be more conveniently collected which was directed to be referred to Mr Brackett Mr Waldron Mr Lawrence Alden Fish Mr Hardenbrook

The Committee of Charity to whom was referred the Petition of Rose Campbell reported that in their opinion the same should be referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House—which was approved

The Street Commissioner presented Ordinances for repaving Partition Street from Greenwich St towards West Street—for repaving Washington Street at Partition & Vesey Street which were severally passed and William Stilwell. John Brower & Lemuel Skidmore were appointed Assessors in each

[182] He also presented the following Assessments which were confirmed & Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector in each. Viz. For a Well and Pump in Pump St between Bowery & Elizabeth St for a Well & Pump in Mulberry St between Broome & Spring. & an assessment for a Well & Pump in Pitt Street between Delancy St & Rivington Street. An assessment for regulating Third Street was laid for consideration

Resolved that the subject of making further regulations respecting the side Walks of the City be referred to the Committee on Streets with a request to report by ordinance or otherwise.

Resolved that the Street leading from Broad Way. to the Colledge Green formerly called Robinson Street be called "Park Place"

And that the Street formerly called Lower Robinson Street be called "Robinson" Street

And further that the Street formerly called Bowery lane be called "The Bowery" and that the Superintendant of Repairs cause [183] the Sign Boards to be altered accordingly

Mr Brackett presented a Resolution respecting the appointment of the Assistant to the Keeper of the City Prison. which was directed to lie for consideration

Resolved that in the recess of the Meeting of the Common Council. The Comptroller under direction of the Finance Committee audit the ordinary accounts

Adjourned for two weeks.

The Comptroller Reported Warrants drawn since the last meeting of the Board. which were agreed to.

D S Jones Award to C Smith & Wife for Slip at Courtland St.....	928.00
J Hardman Work on Roads pr order of Road Committee.....	211.18
Oliver Waldron for Do	239. 2
Hays & Bogert Watch.....	670.25
Farrington & White "	621.25
Hedden & Angevine "	315.00
Holden & Lawrence "	498.75
E Jennings Balc Well & Pump Broome St.....	99.00
[184] E Jennings Balc well & Pump Mulberry St.....	98.82
E Boggs " " " Pump St	115.67
J Graham Acct Drain Broad St pr Contract.....	200.00
E Jennings Supdt Lamps to 11 augst.....	399.76
	4396.70
Balance in Treasy.....	$27238.76
Warrants not Presented.....	$2571.90
Aug 23d 1813.	24666.86

Accts passed—

Thos Hazard & 2 Assts 1 Qr Salry due 18th Inst.....	512.50
B Skaats & 2 Assistants " " " 24th "	260.31
Do Cleaning Apparts City Hall.....	35.88
J Horn & S Waldron Assess 9th Ward.....	123.50
Angevine & McClure " 6th "	135.00
J Hart 1 Qr for Statesman.....	18.75
U Freeman Mile Stones.....	123.81
A Stagg balc due regulas pavg Courtldt St.....	213.30
R Moran Acct " " Grand St.....	200.00
C Mooney " Varrick St.....	100.00
Do " Dominick St.....	100.00
T & Geo Lovett " Arrundle St.....	100.00
J Richardson cleaning Drain Broad St.....	17.92
H Brush reprs to pumps.....	55.75
M Banks " "	19.62
C ONeal cleaning wells.....	69.56
E Jennings balc due Well & Pump Mulbery St.....	77.63
M Reid acct Well Pump in Orchard St.....	82.20
[*184] Wm Stratton balc due Well Pump Bancker.....	48.00
* Clerk's error in numbering.—Ed.	
Thos Franklin 1 Qr Salry Chf Engr to 8th Inst.....	212.50
Saml Nichols 25 New Lamps.....	87.50
T & G Lovett 2d Instlmt for Pier west side of James Slip as per Contract	450.31

J McComb Jr Paymaster N City Hall	1000.00
Jas Wallace Supdt Reprs for Engine Houses & Docks & Slips	1500.00
R Furman for Alms House & Bridewell	5000.00
	$10.544.04
Balance in Treasury	$14122.82

[185] Special Meeting

In Common Council Augst 28th 1813

present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

John Vanderbilt Junr Charles Dickenson Nicholas Fish	Aldermen	John Nitchie Joseph W Brackett Augustus H Lawrence Wm J Waldron James Palmer Thos R Smith Wm A Hardenbrook	Assistants

His Honor the Mayor informed the Members, that intelligence having been received that the remains of Captain Lawrence & Lieut Augustus C Ludlow were brought to this City for interment, & that as he presumed the Common Council would be desirous of testifying their respect to the memory of those Heroes, He had summoned a Board for the purpose of taking that subject into consideration

A Sufficient number of Members [186] not appearing to form a Quorum it was however informally agreed that a Committee be appointed to make such arrangements and to direct such Funeral honors to be paid to the remains of Captn Lawrence & Lieutnt Ludlow as they shall judge proper

Committee appointed were Messrs Lawrence Smith King.

[187] In Common Council Septr 6th 1813

present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

John Vanderbilt Junr Charles Dickenson George Buckmaster Nicholas Fish John Pell	Aldermen	John Nitchie Joseph W Brackett Augustine H Lawrence Wm J Waldron Wm A Hardenbrook James Palmer	Assistants

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants for regulating and filling in Mangin Street from Grand to Stanton Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward & St Commissioner

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants praying that the Engine House belonging to Fire Engine Company N° 11. may be removed from its present situation it being a great nuisance to the neighbourhood [188] was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Petition from George Duryee & recommendations from sundry Citizens in his behalf for a permit to sell vegetables in the lower fly market and a Petition from Martin Hill for a permit to sell meat by the Quarter. and a Petition from Mary Cunhose & Sarah Seymour for Hucksters stands in said Market were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Remonstrance of Henry Cling & John Palmer against the confirmation of the Assessment for Third St was read & referred to the S[t] Commissioner

A Remonstrance of John Post and others against the Assessment for the Drain in Broad Street was read, Whereupon Resolved that said Assessment be not confirmed, & that the Street Commissioner report a new ordinance naming therein other Assessors.

[189] A Petition of John J Fink for Stall N° 18 Washington Market at present held by Frederick Meekle and a certificate from H Meekle stating his willingness to relinquish the same were read. and Resolved that the prayer of the Petition be granted.

A Petition of William Nexen Jun[r] for appointment of a City Guager was read and granted.

A Representation was received from Richard Smith Lessee of Horns Hook Ferry stating that he had been prohibited by Jacob M[c]Keagh the owner of the place on the Long Island side heretofore used for landing, from landing any more on said ground. which was referred to the Ferry Committee

A Petition from George Sands, praying remission of fine incurred by baking loaf Bread under the weight prescribed by law, the same having arrisen from a mistake on the part of his journeyman, was read and the prayer of the Petitioner was granted.

[190] A Petition from Stephen B Munn was received stating that he is building two Houses in Broad Way between Broome & Spring Street and that not knowing of the regulation of the Corporation which prescribes that no Stoop shall extend more than 6 Feet from the House, he has prepared his to extend 7½ feet and praying to be per-

mitted to erect his agreably thereto, was read and referred to the Street Comss[r] who was also directed to report as to what space it was proper to permit Stoops to occupy in the Streets of the City

A Petition was received from Garrit H Van Wagenen stating, that some time since he took out a water grant for 100 Feet in front of ground conveyed to him on Manhattan Island. That a mistake having been made in the surveys of the Lots of ground at that place the same was rectified by mutual agreement among the parties interested. and the portion of ground belonging to him is 65 Feet 4 Inches—the remainder 34 Feet 8 Inches belonging to Robert Carnley. He therefore prayed he might take out [191] a new grant and improve the portion belonging to him or that it may be granted to some person who will improve the same.

Ordered that it be referred to the Comptroller

A Memorial of P Mallard was read stating that he Manufactures oil superior to spermaciti oil and which he can furnish at a much cheaper rate than oil is now sold at. & praying that his oil may be examined and if found as discribed that he may receive the countenance of the Corporation

Ordered to be referred to the Lamp Committee

A Leter was received from Tho[s] Smith stating that the Collector of the Corporation had demanded from him the amount of quit rent due from the estate of John Taylor deceased part of which arose from ground upon which a House belonging to him was erected—That no quit rent was due from that property, for that in the year 1789. M[r] Taylor commuted with the Corporation for the rent which should accrue thereon thereafter and paid $2000 or $2500. for the same. and praying that the [192] same may be enquired into. Which was referred to the Comptroller

A Memorial from sundry Inhabitants complaining of a great nuisance occasioned by the Mess[rs] Hitchcocks Contractors for S[t] manure Keeping a great number of Hogs was read and referred to the City Inspector with directions if the nuisance was not abated to represent the same to the grand Jury.

A Petition for a Well & Pump in Greenwich Street near Duane St. was read & Referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance

A Letter from Charles Smith & wife Executors of Jacob Wilkins deceased offering to rent the Wharf at Courtlandt Street Slip at present occupied by the Steam Boat for a term of years was read

and referred to the Committee on Wharves piers & Slips and Comptroller.

A Memorial was received from Eve Bunce stating that her Father Henry Sheaf in [193] the year 1766 received a water grant for a Lot corner of Water & oliver Street in which there was no stipulation that the grantee should make any part of Oliver Street. That Petitioner being about to improve that property prays she may make the part of Oliver Street adjoining her property and that she may receive the Wharfage & other emoluments arrising therefrom

ordered to be referred to the Committee on Wharves

The following persons were appointed Fire men the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

Hook & Ladder N° 3

Francis Leforrest. Card maker Spring S^{t} 8th Ward Vice A Bogert exp^{d}

Fire Eng^{n} Comp^{y} N° 10

Henry Palmer H Carpenter Bow^{y} R^{d} 8th W^{d}
Vice Jn° Winship resg^{d}

John Graham. Gardener. G^{t} Jones St 8 W^{d}
vice Benj^{n} Romaine D°

N° 12

John M Bloodgood, Currier 62 Frankfort S^{t} 4 W^{d} vice Jn° Good D°

N° 20

W^{m} Bull, Harness maker 74 Liberty St 3^{d} W^{d} vice John Guest D°

N° 22

Lewis Clock, House Joiner 21 Cheapside St 7th W^{d}
vice And^{y} Yelverton D°

N° 26

Jonah Cutting Ship wright Manhattan Is^{d} 10 W^{d}
vice H^{y} H Gillet D°

[194] Henry Brown Ship wright, Charlotte S^{t} 7 W^{d}
vice R Nicholson resg^{d}

Sam^{l} Gumonds Tallow Chand^{r} 188 Bancker S^{t} 7th W^{d}
vice Peter Scriba exp^{d}

David Evans Brass Foundry, Harman S^{t} 7 W^{d}
vice Ab^{m} Morehouse D°

N° 39.

William J Hoyt, Acc^{t} 320 Washington S^{t} 4th W^{d} vice W^{m} B Read joi^{d} the army

The Street Commissioner presented Assessments for a Well &

Pump in Orange Street near Pump Street—for one in Provost Street & for a Well in New Street which were confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each.

He also presented the following Ordinances which were passed & the following persons appointed Assessors. viz An ordinance for regulating Charlotte St from Greenwich St to the House of Mr Devoe —for regulating & paving Vandam Street from McDougal to Hudson St in both of which Wm Stilwell John Brown & Lemuel Skidmore were appointed Assessors. and upon the report of the Street Commissioner & Superintendant of repairs, was presented an ordinance for repaving South St from Exchange to Coentius Slip in which Wm Stilwell John Brown & Jacob Tallman were appointed assessors [196]* also an ordinance for a Well & pump in Pump Street between 6th & Division Street in which Solomon Wheeler Peter F Cisco & Ezekiel Bishop were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commisisoner stated. That the Persons residing on Manhattan Island and thereabouts, are very much incommoded by the unregulated situation of Columbia Street which is the only communication they have with the City on that Quarter

He therefore recommends that Columbia Street be regulated from Grand to Stanton Street, and that the Curb stone be laid in such parts of the Street as may be fit to receive it and that the proprietors of the sunken Lots adjoining be directed to fill up the same so as effectually to secure the Street from being broken up and washed away to the great annoyance & danger of passengers

Owing to the number of sunken Lots in that neighbourhood large quantities of Water are collected which seriously injures the Streets and buildings occasions a great loss to the industrious and enterprising [197] while those who neglect to conform to the regulations are enriched at the expense of their neighbours

Which is respectfully submitted
Signed John McComb Jr

Which was approved & he was directed to present an ordinance accordingly

Mr Lawrence presented a Resolution directing the Street Commissioner on receiving estimates for paving &c Streets to take such person as he should judge most competent. Which was read & consideration postponed.

Resolved that a warrant issue for $480.12½/100. to the Collector of the 9th Ward to repay him that amount which had been paid by him

* Clerk's error in numbering.—ED.

into the Treasury for Delinquents in said Ward & which sum has been assessed upon the ward

It being stated that business requiring secrecy was to be communicated The Bar was cleared of Spectators & the

Doors Closed

The Comptroller stated that being at all times desirous to enhance the value of [198] the public property & to render it more productive he took the liberty to state to the Board a project which would in his opinion embrace those objects & also improve the City—By a late purchase the corporation are in possession of the Government House and the grounds adjoining the rear of this property was ceded by this state to the United States and is now in their possession to procure from the United States a recession of the same would be attended with incalculable advantages—this he thought might be attained by an offer of other grounds as well if not better suited for public purposes he therefore proposed that a discreet person be authorized to enter into a negociation with the proper officer—Whereupon it was resolved, that the Comptroller be authorized to open a negociation for that purpose

The Clerk of the Common Council was directed to publish in the several Newspapers a request to the Citizens to refrain from labor & business on Thursday next the day set apart by the President of the United States, as a day of Humiliation & prayer

The Comptroller Reported.

Warrants passed during the recess of the Board. Augst 28th 1813.

Cash in the Treasury	39087.31
Warrants not presented	1429.94
	$37657.37
[199] Hays & Bogert City Watch	670.25
Farrington & White "	621.25
Holden & Lawrence "	498.75
Hedden & Angevine "	315.00
J Cox Specl Justice 1 Qr Salry to 26 aug	250.00
Josah Hedden " " "	250.00
C Schultz " " "	250.00
B Oblenis Clerk " " "	250.00
R Stephens Asst " " " "	125.00
Anty Woodward taking Census & Jury list 5th Ward as per agreemt with Comtee	200.00
John Baker Do 6th Wd	160.00
John Bloodgood Do 2d Wd	140.00
Thos A Ronald 20 Books Census Jury lists	60.00
Jas Hardie Asst City Inspr Salry Augt	63.50
Ebr Boggs. 1 Instlmt Well Pump Orange St	64. 6
P Hagerty " " " New "	36.31

J Timpson repr[s] to Lamps May to Aug 23	44.77
J Hays & others extra se[r]vices police Dp[mt] from 26 May to 26 Aug[st]	357.37
S McCormick 2 Mo. Sal[y] keep[g] Park	93.00
R Furman New Alms House	5000.00
	9449.26
Balance	$28.208.11

Which were agreed to.

He also reported.

[200] Cash in the Treasury	$33356.67
Warrants not presented	1018.64
	$32.338. 3

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts.

J M Read. Census & Jury List 3[d] Ward	140.00
Jacob Tallman " 1[st] "	140.00
L Fisher T Higbie Assessmt. 4[th] "	128.75
Asa Holden Chairs for City Hall dif[t] times	103.50
Sam[l] Green St Insp[r] Services Aug[st]	52.00
C E Duncan " " "	52.00
A B Holmes " " "	52.00
D[r] I Ball. cont[st] charges. ser[s] Ordi[cs] remo[s] Cars	9.31
C E Duncan Census & Jury List 7 W[d]	175.00
W[m] Bridges sundry surveys. &c &c	36.50
M Ackerman Keep[r] Potters Field Aug[st]	46.50
B Hicks Ass[t] City Insp[r] "	62.00
Ja[s] Vincent filling Lot No 921. Bayards Farm (by order of the Board)	39.05
D S Jones Att[y] Board Bal[c] due last Q[r] end[s] Aug 20[th]	88.37
E Jennings 1 Instl[mt] Well Pump James St	62.00
E Boggs. " " " Provost "	33.66
E Jenning Bal[c] due " " Fair "	72.50
Ja[s] Richardson cleaning wells	9.86
E Gennings digging & Stoning D[o] Catharine "	162.00
John Rice cleaning Wells	9.86
D Stilwell repr[s] to Pumps	116.25
[201] P Kelly Acct Suffolk St	100.00
H Hulshart Inspect[s] regula[n] & pav[s] of Streets the last Year	63.84
A Smith regulat[s] Washington St & Canal St Basin	300.00
T & G Lovett 1 Inst[mt] filling up & mak[s] Bulk Head at Broome St	447.50
John Hardman for work on the High Way for the Month of August	212.37
Oliver Waldron for D[o]	229.11
Cha[s] Dickenson Treas[r] B[d] of Health	300.00
Comt[ee] Defence for Gun Boats	2000.00
Officers of 1[s] Brig[d] Artillery for ½ Ton Powder voted by the Board	800.00
	6077.44
Balance	$26260.59

Adjourned to meet this day Fortnight Sep[r] 6 1813.

[202] In Common Council Sept[r] 14 1813

present The Hon[l] DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq[r] Recorder

John Vanderbilt Jun[r]	Aldermen	John Nitchie
Charles Dickenson		Joseph W Brackett
Isaac S Douglass		Augustus H Lawrence
John Morss		Elisha W King
George Buckmaster		Thomas R Smith
Peter H Wendover		Asa Mann
Nicholas Fish		Wm J Waldron
John Pell		Wm A Hardenbrook
		James palmer

The Committee to whom it was referred to report such public testimonials of respect as it would be proper to pay to the remains of Capt[n] Lawrence & Lieut Ludlow reported the following Recitals & Resolutions. which being read were in the words following.

The Common Council have received with feelings of the deepest regret intelligence of the death of captain James Lawrence and Lieut Augustus C Ludlow, who fell in the late Engagement of the U S Frigate Chesapeak with the [203] British Frigate Shannon. While they mingle their tears with those of their fellow Citizens in lamenting this loss, they also add their tribute of esteem & admiration for the Heroism and gallantry which they displayed in that action which terminated their honorable career

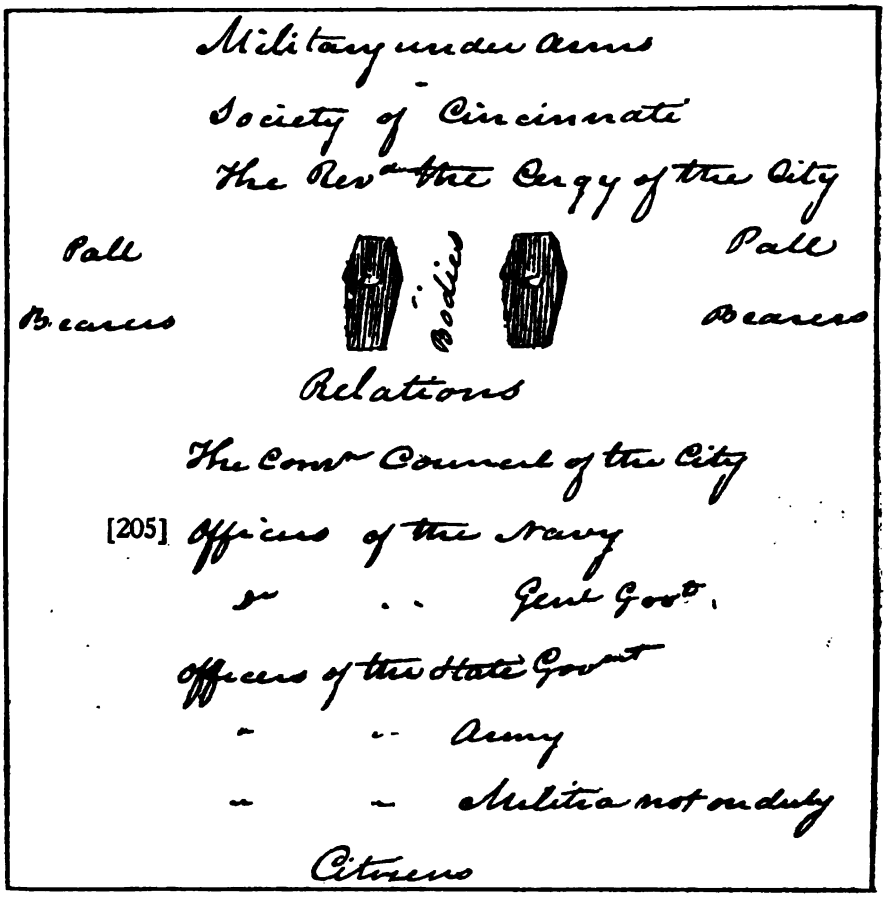
To reward by marks of public esteem deeds of Individual Heroism, is just as the recompense of merit, and is proper as an incentive to future acts of patroitism

Therefore to evince the high sence this Corporation entertain of acts of devotion to our Country, and of the affectionate regard in which they hold the memory of the late Capt[n] James Lawrence

It is Resolved that the Sum of One thousand Dollars be granted to each of the two Children of Capt[n] Lawrence and be vested in the Commissioners of the sinking Fund of the Corporation. The Interest arrising therefrom to be added at least yearly to the principal and to be paid by them to the said Children. To the Daughter when she shall arrive at the age of Eighteen Years. And to the Son when he shall arrive at the age of [204] twenty one Years. In case of the death of either before his or her arrival at the age above mentioned the portion of the deceased to go to the Survivor and in case of the death of both, the Sums to revert to the Common Council to be hereafter applied to reward such Naval merit as the Common Council shall determine.

The Common Council having been also informed that the remains of Captain Lawrence and of his gallant Companion in Arms Augustus C Ludlow who fell gloriously with him have been brought to this City for Interment.

Resolved further that the Common Council will take charge of their interment and the following Regulations and order of Procession on that subject are d[i]rected



The Revd the Clergy the Society of Cincinati the officers of the Genl Govmt & State Govmt the officers of the navy & army & of the Militia are requested to assemble at some place in the vicinity of the Battery & appear in a body together ready to take their station in the line at 10 OClock which will be pointed out to them by officers for

that purpose. The Citizens are respectfully invited to attend & pay this last tribute of respect to the memory of their gallant countrymen, who have nobly fallen in defence of their Country's flag.

M[r] Bracket moved that the Common Council disagree to that part of the report directing a donation to the Children of Capt[n] Lawrence the Question being taken thereon and a Division having been called. it passed in the negative as follows

Negative

The Recorder Alder[n] Vanderbilt. Morss. Douglass Dickenson. Buckmaster. Pell. Mess[rs] Lawrence. Smith Hardenbrook. 10

Affirmative

Alder[n] Wendover. Fish. Mess[rs] Nitchie. Brackett King Mann. Waldron. Palmer 8.

The Question was then taken on the Resolution and it was carried in the affirmative Those Members now voting in the [206] affirmative who had before voted in the negative. and those in the negative who before voted in the affirmative.

[207] In Common Council Sep[r] 20[th] 1813

present The Hon[l] De Witt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq[r] Recorder

John Vanderbilt J[r]	Aldermen	John Nitchie
Charles Dickenson		Joseph Warren Brackett
George Buckmaster		Augus[n] H Lawrence
Peter H Wendover		Elisha W King
Nicholas Fish		Thomas R Smith
John Pell.		Josiah Hedden
		Asa Mann
		W[m] J Waldron
		W[m] A Hardenbrook
		James Palmer
		Assistants

The Minutes of the 6[th] & 14[th] were read and approved.

The following Petitions for wells & Pumps were read and to the Aldermen & Assistants of the respective Wards & Street Commissioner to report ordinances thereon. Viz for a Well & Pump in Varrick St between Laight & vestry S[t] for one in third Street between Delancy & Rivington. for one corner of [208] Broad Way & Broome Street. for one corner of Harman & Clinton Street. for one in the vicinity of the Bowery & Delancy St. for one at the intersection of

Oak and James Street & for one corner of Charles & Herring Street.

A Petition from Sebastian Noth who served as a French Soldier in our Revolutionary war; praying relief was read and referred to Mr King Mr Mann Mr Palmer

A Petition from Robt Kenah & William Mooney praying to be permitted to exchange with each other Stalls No 4 & No 1 Gouverneur Market was read & referred to the Market Committee.

A Request from Mr Gennings that the Common Council would view an exhibition of his gas light in front of the Bridewell this evening was read & accepted.

A Petition from Peter Fenton George Zabriskie & A L Stewart was read stating that in pursuance of an ordinance of the [209] Corporation directing the owners of Lots fronting on Washington Street between Beach & Le Roy Street to sink and bui[l]d up good and substantial Bulk Heads in a line with the Westerly side of Washington St and to fill the same with Earth; They had caused a Bulk Head to be sunk and had made contracts for filling in the same with Earth but are impeded in their compliance with the said ordinance by the present Owners of Lots. late the Estate of Hugh Gain on the South side of their Bulk Head neglecting to comply with said ordinance and praying the Corporation to enforce a performance of the orders of said ordinance

Ordered that the same be referred to the Street Commissioner

A Letter from Majr Genl Stevens was received stating that on the late approach of the Enemy's Frigates to the City by the sound a Battalion of Militia of Westchester Co. had been called out. That upon application to Coln Fenwick the Comdr of the U. S. Troops in this District respecting the pay & subsistence [210] of the Men he was informed by Coln Fenwick that no authority was given to him on that subject. The Majr Genl therefore suggested the propriety of the Common Council taking order in the premises.

Ordered to be referred to the Comtee of Defence

A Letter from Daniel Connor stating that he had for some years past devoted his time and attention to the Discovery of Forgerers. House breakers. Incendiaries and villains of other discriptions in the several Cities of the United States and had been very successful in delivering and bringing them to justice. That in these services he had incurred great personal risque and had expended considerable Sums of Money. for such devotion to the public welfare he considered himself entitled to some remuneration and he addressed the Common

Council for that purpose. In proof of his services Documents were presented from the Mayor of Baltimore. from the Presidents of several Banks of that City and other respectable Citizens Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on Police

[211] A Petition of Jacob Halsey was read stating that he is Proprietor of three Lots of Ground in Greenwich corner of Hetty Street where there appears to be a reservation for a Basin, and praying to be permitted to dock out 200 Feet below Washington. was referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner

A Memorial from Saml M Thompson & others in behalf of the Proprietors of Haerlem Bridge stating that they mean to apply to the Legislature for permission to build a Bridge across Haerlem River from Bussings Point to Devoes Point (a copy of said application accompanied the Memorial, and praying the Common Council would signify their approbation of said Law. was read and referred to the Committee on Surveys & Committee on laws & ordinances.

A Petition of John Doughty to be appointed Weigher of Hay at Manhattan Ville in place of John Byrd resmoved from the City, was read and granted.

The Committee on the Petition of Wm [212] Somerendyke & others on the subject of depositing Manure reported that on a former *Petition of a similar nature, the Alderman & Assistant of the 8th Ward to whom it was referred, reported on the 19th of April last recommending that the Prayer of the petition should be granted which Report was confirmed. That on the 27th May following the Messrs Hitchcocks having remonstrated against said Report the Board rescinded their Resolution confirming it. The Committee report that the contract with the Hitchcocks refers to the law of the Board concerning Manure which Law prohibits any person except the Contractors from heaping Manure within certain Bounds & from bringing Manure within those Bounds at certain Seasons of the Year & that by the said contract the Corporation bind themselves not to alter the said law so as materially to interfere with the privileges of the Contractors. The Contractor for the Western District thinks the granting the prayer of Petition would materially interfere with his rights and therefore the Committee would not recommend granting it unless the consent of said Contractor was first obtained by the Petitioners. The Committee would observe that on a similar application for [213] depositing Manure within the Bounds of the Eastern District, the

* Marginal note reads *See Page 112, 133, 145.*—ED.

Committee reported in favor of the Petitioners on the ground that the Contractor for said District consented to such deposit

(Signed) J Nitchie
Wm A Hardenbrook
John Pell.

Which was approved

The Committee on the Petition of Theodorus Bailey & E Anderson presented a Report which was read and the consideration thereof postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents upon the following Assessments & Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors for collecting the same Viz for a Well in Orange St near Pump St for one in Mulberry between Spring & Broome St for one in Pump St between Elizabeth & the Bowery.

He also presented the following ordinances which were passed Viz. for regulating & setting Curb Stone in Collumbia Street from Grand to [214] *to* Stanton Street, and William Stilwell Solomon Wheeler & Robert Coles were appointed Assessors. for a Well in Greenwich St between Duane & Jay St & Wm Stilwell John Brower Lemuel Skidmore were appointed Assessors. for Regulating Mangin St from Grand to Delancy St & William Stillwell Robt Coles & Peter F Cisco were appointed Assessors For the Expense of Building a Drain on the Easterly side of Broad Street from Beaver Street to the Common Sewer at Pearl St & George Gosman. Jeromus Johnson & Jacob Tallman were appointed Assessors

He also presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis, was appointed Collector in each. Viz For paving Robinson Street from Church St to Broadway for regulating and setting the Curb Stone in Broome Street between Varrick St & Clarke St for regulating & setting Curb Stone in Clarke St from Spring to Broome St for a Well & Pump in James St near Catharine St for a Well & Pump in Spring St near Bd Way & for a Bulkhead & paving intersection of Broome & Mangin St.

The Street Committee & Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition for opening Hudson St from Van Dam St to the Center of Hamersly St reported

[215] that they see no reasonable objections to the opening of said Street And are therefore of opinion that it ought to be carried

into effect and that the Attorney to the Corporation be instructed to take measures conformably thereto

(Signed) G Buckmaster
E W King
Jn° M^cComb J^r S^t Com^sr

which was approved and the attorney was directed to take the necessary legal steps for opening the same.

[216] The Committee on surveys & the Committee on Laws & ordinances to whom were referred the Petition of Robert MaComb for permission to build a Dam across Harlaem River Reported that they have had this Subject under their serious deliberation and have heard the allegations and proofs of the parties in relation to the same

The Committee are happy to report that such an accommodation of the conflicting claims of these parties has taken place between them as your Committees think will promote the Interest of the parties and benefit the public M^r MaComb has agreed to withdraw his application to the Corporation for permission to build a Bridge across Harlaem River and the Harlaem Bridge Company their opposition to M^r MaComb building his Dam at that place. The Harlaem Bridge Company have agreed to apply to the Legislature at their next session for a Law authorizing them to build a Bridge over said River at the Point proposed, for the passing of which no more Toll is to be demanded by them than one half the Toll which they are authorized to receive at the present Harlaem Bridge.

[217] The Committee are of opinion that those persons who are interested in having a bridge from Bussings Point to Devoes Point have now in consequence of this arrangement a fair prospect of being speedily accomodated in their wishes upon favorable terms. They therefore recommend to the Board the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that this Board do consent that Robert MaComb build a Dam across Harlaem River from Bussings Point to Devoes Point conformably to the act of the Legislature passed in his favor and his petition for such consent: the location of such Dam and the Terms of the grant to be under the direction of the Street Commissioner and Comptroller of this Board. That this Board do consent to the building of a Bridge between the above mentioned Points by the Harlaem Bridge Company provided the Toll to be taken at the same do not exceed one half of the Toll allowed to be taken at the present Harlaem

Bridge and that this Board do recommend to the Legislature to pass a Law authorizing that Company to build said Bridge

respectfully submitted

[218] (Signed) Nicholas Fish
Wm A Hardenbrook
John Nit[c]hie
Josiah Hedden
Elisha W King
Wm J Waldron
J Warren Brackett

Which Report was approved and the Resolution passed.

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of Henry Kling & John Palmer against the Assessment for regulating Third Street. Reported That on examination he finds the petitioners are mistaken in stating that the Contractor did make a deduction for what Earth they formerly filled in opposite their Lots in 3d Street

The Contractor made his Estimate for filling up, and regulating the Street in the situation it then was and the Assessors laid the Assessment accordingly, on the general principle that tho some parts of the Street may require more or less digging or filling than other parts. Still as regulating & improving the Street is a common benefit and adds an equal value to all the property they could see no reason why each should not bear an equal share of the expense. Their being no documents in the [219] Office that shews the situation 3d Street was in previous to Messrs Kling & Palmer's improvements, or any proof to shew how much they may have filled in—the Assessors could make no deduction in their favor. The Street Commissioner therefore thinks the Assessment ought to be confirmed

Which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) John McComb Jr

Whereupon after some debate it was resolved that the Assessment be not confirmed but that it be referred to new Assessors, and Ezekiel Bishop. Samuel Stilwell & Peter F Cisco were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the petition of Stephen B Munn and to report generally as to the width which stoops should be permitted to occupy in the streets reported. that the Law as it now stands was as a general one proper, but recommended that in Streets of 70 Feet and upwards the width of stoops should be encreased to 7 Feet. Whereupon, the subject was referred to the Com-

mittee on Streets & Street Commissioner with authority in the case of Mr Munn to give such [220] relief as they should judge proper

The Comptroller presented for execution three Indentures for commutation of Quit Rents to the persons therein named—in conformity to a Resolution of the Common Council passed in July 1813.

Grant to whom made	when dated	Annul Rent	by whom commuted	Amt Paid
Benja Moore.....	12 Febv 1792	£1.17.6	Peter Schermernhorn	$78.11
Heirs of Sir Peter Warren	13 March	1.19.10	G C Verplanck & others	83.00
Robert Murray.....	20 apl 1785	2.15.7 .	William Osborn	116.00
			Dollars	277.11

(Signed) Thos R Mercein Compr

which was approved and the Indentures directed to be duly executed.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

Fire Engn Compy No 9.

John Van Nostran. Grocer. 26 Whitehall St 1 Wd vice John Bunn Decd

No 18.

Cornls Vn Allen Grocer 21 Peck Slip 4th Wd vice Danl Burger Jr expelled

No 33

Benjn Sneeden, Carpenter Scammel St 7th Wd vice Jesse Baldwin removed

No 40

Stephen Bedell, Grocer Spring St 8th Wd vice Oliver Hicks Expelled

[221] On Motion of Mr Hardenbrook Resolved that the subject of Damages claimed by Wm Rogers for trespass committed by the cattle of Wm Blauvelt be referred to the Comtee on surveys

Resolved that Henry Street in the Eighth Ward be hereafter called Pike Street in memory of the late Genl Zebulon M Pike who fell at the siege of Little York. which was postponed

That Catharine Street in the Eighth ward be called Factory Street—agreed

That Columbia Street same ward be called Burrows Street in memory of Lieut Burrows late of the U S Sloop of war Enterprise

That William Street same ward be called Assylum Street

And that George Street same Ward from its junction with Herring St be a continuation of Herring Street

On motion of Alder[n] Buckmaster Resolved that George Street be called Market Street and Charlotte be Pike Street.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to give notice to the Proprietors of Lots in Catharine Lane that the Com[n] Council have it in contemplation to cause s[d] Street to be shut up

[222] The Resolution respecting the appointment of an Assistant Keeper of the City Prison was called and was in the words following

Resolved that an Assistant Keeper of the City Prison be appointed by the Common Council and that such Assistant Keeper so to be appointed shall (in the absence or sickness of the Keeper of said Prison) be vested with the like powers as the said Keeper, and that the said Keeper shall have but one Deputy or Turnkey beside said Assistant Keeper.

Upon the Question of agreeing to the same it was carried in the Affirmative. The appointment of the person to fill that office was postponed until the next meeting of the Board

Resolved that the Books containing the names of the Jurors for this City and County taken by the persons lately employed for that purpose be referred to the former Committee on that subject who together with the Aldermen and Assistant of each Ward are requested to select therefrom such persons as they shall judge qualified and fit to serve as Jurors & cause a list of the same to be made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the City & County of New York agreably to Law

[223] Resolved that Martin Myers be and he is hereby appointed an Inspector of Manure

Adjourned to meet this day Fortnight

The Comptroller Reported

Accounts passed since the last meeting of the Board

Farrington & White Watch	621.25
Hedden & Angevine "	315.00
Hays & Bogert "	670.25
Holden [&] Lawrence "	498.75
J A Crolius Insp[r] Bread 1 Q[r] Sal[ry] to 8[th] Inst	84.50
P Becannon " " " " " " "	86.20
J Hart Advertizing for Police Office in Statesman	13.50
M Reid 1[st] Instl[mt] Well Pump Spring St	81.00
C Lee cleans & repairing Wells in 1812	16.43
D[o] bal[c] due Wells Pumps in Catharine St & Delancy St	118.00

Alderm Morss attend Ct of Sessions in Augst	48.00
" Douglass " " "	48.00
	$2600.88

Which were agreed to.

He also Reported

Balance in the Treasury	26.502.61
Warrants not presented	1032.14
	$25.470.47

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts

[224] Thos R Mercein for completing Tax Books for 1813.14	250.00
J Vanderbilt Census & Jury list 10th Wd	175.00
P Aymar Collr Corpn Revenue 1 Qr to 5 Inst	164.00
J A Hardenbrook Candles City Hall	21.96
E Jennings Supdt Lamps to 11 Inst &c	579.92
M Banks reprs to pumps	22.87
H. Brush " " Blacksmiths Work	52.50
Wm Stratton cleaning Wells	60.00
C ONeil " & repairing Wells	63.50
M Reid 1st Instlmt Well & Pump Rivington St	108.00
E Boggs. balc due Well pump Pump St	115.67
M Reid 1 Instlmt Well & Pump Orchard St	82.93
E Genning Balc Well Pump Mulberry St	98.82
J Brower Assessr sundry Streets Wells & Pumps	181.00
R Moran Balc paving Grand St	116.32
C Mooney regulas Varrick St	58.30
T Scott Inspects pavs sundry Streets	21.24
Wm Stilwell Assessr Peck Slip from Water St to Bulk Head	29.00
T & G Lovett Balc due regulas paving Broome St	545.00
A Smith regulas filling up Washington St	474.00
J McComb Jr Materials pavs around public Buildgs	371.15
R Furman New Alms House	10000.
Do Supdt Do Do	5000.
Jas Wallace Supdt Reprs	1000.
Committee Defence Gun Boats	2000.
	21591.18
Balance. Dolls	3.879.29

[225] In Common Council Oct^{r} 4th 1813

present The Hon^{l} DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq^{r} Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Charles Dickenson	John Nitchie
Richard Cunningham	Joseph W Brackett
Isaac S Douglass	Augustine H Lawrence
George Buckmaster	Elisha W King
Peter H Wendover	Thomas R Smith
Nicholas Fish	Josiah Hedden
	Asa Mann
	Wm J Waldron
	Wm A Hardenbrook
	James Palmer

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Thomas Walden to be permitted to assign lease of Lot N^{o} 183 Common lands to Jacob J Walden was read and referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition for a Well and Pump in Lewis Street North of Delancy Street [226] was read and referred to the Alderman and assistant of the Ward & S^{t} Commissioner to report ordinance for the same.

A Petition that Walnut Street might be regulated from Grand to Cherry Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition from Martin Hartlick for Hucksters stand in the Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition was received from Ebenezer Clark stating that he had been served with an ordinance directing him to fill in a Lot corner of Grand and Corlears St but that said Lot previous to passing said ordinance was leased by him to one James T Chambers, and suggesting that said ordinance should be directed to said Chambers instead of him—Ordered to be referred to the Street Commissioner

A Representation was received from the Justices of the Justices Court of the City & County of New York, stating that as the Law had designated the City Hall as the [227] place for holding said Court the duty of providing a Room was imposed on the Common Council and to that duty in their opinion was annexed, that of providing the necessary conveniences

They therefore respectfully stated that for the accomodation of said Court a Jury room and some Furniture was necessary They also requested that the Common Council would direct the Court Room to be supplied with necessary Fuel as is done with respect to the other

Courts in the Hall. Ordered that the same be referred to the Building Committee.

A Petition of Thomas Briant to be appointed a Measurer of Grain &c was read and referred to the Committee on Applications

A Petition from Silas Lord, Thomas Duggan & Evander Childs was read stating that all differences in Law were amicably adjusted between them and that they would give a sufficient Title for the land taken to open Canal Street on payment of Assessment, of the same to Silas Lord.

[228] Ordered that the same be referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of William Hardenbrook Junr praying the remission of a fine imposed upon an apprentice belonging to him named John Chevalier for firing a Gun in the vicinity of Greenwich contrary to an ordinance of the Board and for which said fine the Apprentice was now in Goal, ordered the same be referred with authority to remit the fine to Messrs King Mann Palmer

A Petition of John J Astor was read praying that a Suit against him for not filling in certain Lots in Charlton (late Hetty) Street may be discontinued. was ordered to be refer'd to the City Inspector.

A Petition of Michael Norris complaining of being improperly suspended as a Watchman of the First District by Captn Holden was read & refer'd to the Watch Committee.

A Letter from John R Murray suggesting [229] the propriety of building a Pier in the Albany Basin this Fall preparatory to filling in the Slip was read and refer'd to the Committee on Wharves.

A Petition from Elizabeth Ferrel for a License gratis to sell liquors, was read & Resolved Petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition

A Petition from Fire Engine Company No 8 complaining of their Engine House, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department with authority to make such repairs and additions to the House as they shall judge necessary

A Report of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the application of Money received by them for the use of Free Schools was read and ordered to be filed.

The Committee on Police to whom was referred the Memorial of Daniel Connor reported. That in their opinion said Connor has shewn extraordinary activity and sagacity in such pursuit, and that he is [230] eminently entitled to the consideration and patronage of the public on that account; and particularly of Banks and Companies, that

insure against Fire; and that he deserves their liberal encouragement and reward: That this opinion is fully supported by the documents and testimonials in his favor laid before them which appear of the most ample and respectable kind; and that it is also further confirmed by a very satisfactory interview with him on the subject

(Signed) J Warren Brackett
James Palmer
Josiah Hedden

which being read was ordered to be filed.

The Committee to whom was referred a Communication of the Comptroller on the subject of procuring Maps presented the following Report, The Communication of the Comptroller was as follows.

The Comptroller has the honor to represent to the Board, that since his appointment numerous instances have occurred to evince the importance or rather the absolute necessity of having Maps and Field Books of all the property in the several wards and more [231] particularly in the out Wards

By the returns of the Assessors and Collectors Books it appears that considerable property is not assessed at all or so indefinitely that it is impossible to fasten the ownership on the real owners. The assessment therefore remains unpaid and is assessed back on the Ward, the ensuing Year, by which means the Ward generally has to pay a Tax, which ought to be paid by the Owners of the property so situated, who are in most cases men of ample means and large Estates—it may be urged that the act passed the last Session of the Legislature for the " Assessment and Collection of Taxes " makes provision for these cases, by authorizing a Sale of such property, but under existing circumstances it will be extremely difficult if not altogether impossible for the Collector to make a return sufficiently accurate to warrant the Corporation to enforce the Collection by the Sale of the property; it would at least be very hazardous, as having no documents he might return the wrong property. There are many who deny owning property which is [232] assessed in their names, in order to be exempted from paying the Tax and refuse the Collector all information in relation thereto—but if a Map of the Ward was furnished, each Lot could be numbered and would be assessed by the number as well as in the name of the owner, or supposed owner, and for non payment of Taxes might be advertized and sold by the number. the presumption however is that if this plan is adopted, it will at once bring out the owner and prevent all such trouble and expense

It is more than probable that there are several Water Lots which have been improved and now are in possession of Individuals who never have taken out Grants from them a correct Map, compared with the Grants made from time to time and filed in this Office would shew the fact.

The property of the Corporation in each Ward could be distinguished by colouring each Lot or parcel of land and being numbered a reference to the Field Book would shew its situation, to what purpose appropriated to whom leased, the time, price, &c &c a copy of which might be furnished for the use of the Members of the Common Council who would by that means become intimately [233] acquainted with all public property and more competent to judge of its disposition

The great advantages such Maps would be to the Assessors & Collectors of the different Wards, and to the Collectors of Assessments for Streets, Pumps and other purposes must be manifest to all who give the subject a moments reflection

Entertaining a hope that this project would be adopted provided the expense would not be too great, the Comptroller has endeavoured to ascertain the time that will be required, and expense incurred for its completion, and he has the satisfaction to state, that neither the one or the other will be as great as was expected

The City particularly, and the County generally has been by piecemeals surveyed for the Individuals owning the property, by our City Surveyors, who have made it a practice to keep Copies of such Surveys which would greatly tend to facilitate an undertaking of this kind and render it much less expensive

It is probable an arrangement might be made by which these Maps could be furnished within twelve Months and [233]* at a price not exceeding from $100 to $150 for each Ward—an expense trivial indeed when compared with the utility of the measure, a measure which will tend to equalize the Tax and render its collection less difficult or rather absolutely certain, and afford to the Members of the Common Council an opportunity to become acquainted with the public property altogether unattainable in any other way without an application of more time than the ordinary avocations of most of them would permit

respectfully submitted

(Signed) Thos R Mercein, Compr

* Clerk's error in numbering.—ED.

Report of the Committee

The Committee to whom the above was referr'd Report That in their opinion the object of said Communication is important to the Interest of the City and ought to be carried into effect

(signed J Warren Brackett
Nich^{s} Fish
W^{m} A Hardenbrook
W^{m} J Waldron
A H Lawrence

Which Report was approved.

The Committee to whom was referred [234] the Memorial of M Willett & James H Maxwell Reported, That having fully considered the same and believing that no disadvantage but rather a benefit would result from granting the prayer thereof Beg leave to recommend that they be permitted to transfer the said lease as requested & also to carry on the Ferry, with Steam Boats or Boats propelled by Machinery work'd by Horses or any other manner, provided the same shall answer as well and in the opinion of the Common Council be equally safe, expeditious & convenient as steam Ferry Boats

(Signed) A H Lawrence
John Vanderbilt J^{r}

Which was approved.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Street Commissioner on the Petition of Stephen B Munn Reported that they have had the subject under consideration and respectfully recommend the addoption of the plan proposed by the Street Commissioner set forth in his Report and that the Ordinance in relation to Stoops and Areas be amended accordingly

[235] And your Committee further report that under the peculiar circumstances of Stephen B Munn they have permitted him under the authority vested in them by a Resolution of the Board to build his Stoop on Broad Way Six Inches farther in the Street than the present ordinance allows, All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) E W King
G Buckmaster
John M^{c}Comb J^{r} S^{t} Com^{rs}

That part of the report respecting M^{r} Munn was agreed to and the consideration of the remainder was postponed until next Meeting.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances for Wells which were passed, and the following persons appointed Assessors viz for one in Varrick between Laight & Vestry Street—for one in Charles near Herring Street—for one in Broome between Broad Way and Crosby St, in each of which W^m^ Stilwell John Brower & Thomas Taylor were appointed Assessors. Also for a Well in Oak St between James & Roosevelt St in which Solomon Wheeler Robert Coles & George Dominick were appointed Assessors Also for a Well in Carman between Clinton [236] & Jefferson Street and for one in Delancy St near the Bowery in each of which Solomon Wheeler, Peter F Cisco & George Dominick were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed & Noah Javis was appointed Collector in each, Viz Assessment for regulating Crosby Street from Prince Street to Bleecker Street. for Well & Pump in Rivington St near the Bowery, for Well in Orchard between Stanton & Rivington St—for regulating Third St from Grand to Delancy St & for regulating & paving Cherry St from Montgomery to Corlears Street

The Street Commissioner presented the following Report enclosing a Remonstrance against the permanent regulation of Columbia St. The Street Commissioner encloses the objections of several persons residing on Manhattan Island against the permanent regulation of Columbia St, on account of the inconvenience Judge Ogilvie would experience this Winter by having his House partly buried

As the regulation of Columbia St was directed chiefly with a view to the accomodation [237] of the people of Manhattan Island and thereabouts who it appears are willing to dispense with it—Should the Common Council think fit to suspend the regulation until the next Season it may be done without injury to others provided the Owners of lots adjoining the Streets fill up the side Walks and gravel a part of the Carriage Way so as to be passable this Winter.

which is respectfully submitted

(Sign'd) John M^c^Comb J^r^ S^t^ Com^sr^

which was agreed to.

Upon the Report of the Street Commissioner Garrit H Van Wagenen was appointed Assessor in the ordinance respecting the Drain on the Easterly side of Broad St in the place of Jeromus Johnson who declined serving.

The Street Commissioner stated that orders had been drawn on the Representatives of the Estate of Jas Desbrosses in favor of Thos & George Lovett the Contractors for building the Pier on the Westerly side of James Slip for their proportion of the Expenses thereof but that they have neglected to comply therewith. The Street Commissioner therefore recommends that a Warrant on the Treasury be issued in favor of the [238] Contractor for the amount of the First & Second Installments amounting together to $352.4 and hold the Interest of the said Estate, in said Pier until the above Sum & also the future Instalments shall be refunded with Interest

all which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) John McComb Jr St Comr

Which was approved and the Comptroller was directed to Report a Warrant accordingly

The following Persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

Fire Engn Compy No 18

Leonard W Lawrence, Clerk, 171 Water St, 2d Wd Vice Robt White resgd

No 36

John L Halsted, Thimbl Manfy, Varrick, 8th Wd Vice J. C. Parmerly remod

No 39.

Saml W Franklin, Acct 218 Wm St, 4th Wd Vice A B Mead resgd

The Comptroller stated that the first payment of the Bonds given by the Common Council on the 25th Sepr 1811. for releases of Inclenburgh property became due on the 25th Ulto and several of the holders applied for payment of the same with Interest—having no authority to pay them without the order of the Board he [239] directed them to call the ensuing Week and therefore respectfully recommends that an order be passed authorising the payment of such bonds agreably to the Conditions contained therein

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) Thos R Mercein.

Which was approved and Warrants were ordered to be reported for payment of the same.

The Comptroller presented Indentures for Commutation of Quit Rents to the persons herein named, in conformity to a Resolution of the Board

To whom granted	Date	Anl. Rent	by whom commuted	Amt paid
Archibald Kennedy...	Decr 17 1778		Robert Watts	$85.37
Robert Watts.....	Octr 18. 1786		Do	320.13
Peter Schuyler.....	July 22 1736		Do	251.21
William Bruce.....	1 Decr 1807		Firemen Insur. Compy	1398.23
George Gosman.....	Dec 1803		George Gosman	1398.25
				$3453.19

Which was approved and the Releases directed to be duly executed.

The Committee appointed to consider what Assistance should be allowed to the family of Jeremiah Taylor reported that the Family [240] have been visited by the Committee, and found to be very poor from the loss of their Father who was their principal support from his daily earnings & steady employ, under Mr Thos Smith a Black Smith, as his Clerk or Runner, and he speaks highly of the deceased. Your Committee have likewise understood from a number of other respectable Citizens, that the said Jeremiah B Taylor was a very decent, sober, honest, and industrious man.

The deceased was not a Fireman at the time of his death

Your Committee presented the Widow with $30 for the purpose of putting the Family in decent mourning, which consi[s]ts of three Children under age, the oldest of which is a girl of about Sixteen the next a Son who is at a trade, the third a Girl of about Eleven years of age

Your Committee conceive that nothing further need be said to convince the Board of the propriety of making an appropriation to relieve in some measure the future wants of the Family and to compensate the Widow and fatherless Children for the untimely end and praiseworthy act [241] of their deceased Father in risking & loosing his life in a torturous way to save the property of his fellow Citizens from the ravages of the Fire, whilst he himself was possessed of no property whereon he might expect the like exertions from his fellow Citizens in return. From the foregoing statement of Facts your Committee beg leave to recommend that the Sum of Sixty Dollars per annum be allowed and paid to the widow during her Widowhood unless otherwise directed by the Comn Council that the two daughters be allowed & paid to such person as the Board may from time to time

direct the Sum of Dollars per Annum each until they shall arrive at the age of Eighteen years, the Son being out to a trade and to be supported by his Master your Committee do not think it requisite to recommend any provision for him, all of which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Wm A Hardenbrook
P H Wendover

The Report being considered by Sections the First relating to an allowance to the Widow was agreed to. on the queston of agreeing to the second part appropriating a Sum to the use of the Children a [242] Division having been called by Mr Hardenbrook it passed in the negative as follows.

Negative 13

Mr Recorder, Aldern Dickenson, Cunningham Douglass. Buckmaster Fish. Messrs Nitchie Brackett. Lawrence. King. Hedden, Waldron, Palmer

Affirmative 4

Aldern Wendover, Messrs Smith. Mann. Hardenbrook

The Blank in the allowance to the Widow was filled up with the Sum of Sixty Dollars and the Resolution so amended, agreed to

The Committee on the Fire Department on the Petition of Fire Engine Hose Company No 1 for an addition of Six men—Reported in favor of petitioners allowing them an addition of three men

The Same Committee on the Petition of Fire Engine Company No 37 reported, that they recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted. which was negatived.

The Recorder presented the following Resolutions, which were unanimously agreed to And the Recorder. Mr Smith & Mr King were appointed a Committee [243] to carry the said Resolutions into effect

The Common Council have received with feelings of no ordinary Interest intelligence of the recent atchievement of Commodore Perry on Lake Erie. An achievement which while it confirms the Character for valor hitherto sustained by our brave Tars, evinces the nautical skill of our naval Commanders. It would ill comport with the high sense which this brilliant deed has afforded to the Common Council of the City of New York were they to pass it over in silence.

In testimony therefore of the high sense which the Common Council entertain of the valor and Skill displayed by Comdn Perry in his late discomfiture and Capture of the whole of the British Fleet on the Waters of Lake Erie

Resolved that the Freedom of the City be presented to Commodore Perry in a Gold Box and that he be requested to sit for his Portrait to be placed in the Gallery of Portraits of the Common Council.

Resolved also that the thanks of the Common Council be presented to the gallant Officers and Crew of the Fleet under his command who atchieved this Victory so honorable to the rising Navy [244] of our Country.

Resolved that His Honor the Mayor be requested to transmit a Copy of this Resolution to Commodore Perry.

On Motion of Alder^{n} Wendover. Resolved that Henry Street in the Eighth Ward be hereafter called Perry Street in honor of Commodore Oliver H Perry of the U S Squadron on Lake Erie.

Agreably to order the Board went into an Election for a person to fill the Office of Assistant Keeper of the City Prison or Bridewell when on counting the Ballots it appeared that Thomas Hazard Jun^{r} was duly appointed.

Resolved that the Committee for furnishing the City Hall be requested to cause the Supreme Court Room in said Hall to be suitably furnished. And Resolved that M^{r} King be appointed on that Committee

A Member stating that he had business to communicate which required secrecy the Doors were closed

[245] Resolved that the Ferry Committee be authorized to purchase from Jacob M^{c}Keag the ground on the Long Island shore opposite Hornes Hook for a scite for a Ferry if in their Judgment proper at a sum not exceeding Two thousand Dollars.

Adjourned to meet this day Fortnight.

The Comptroller Reported. Accounts audited & passed since the last Meeting of the Board

Hays & Bogert City Watch	670.25
Farrington & White D^{o}	621.25
Holden & Lawrence D^{o}	498.75
Hedden & Angevine D^{o}	315.00
P Hagherty bal^{e} Well Pump New St	36.31
E Boggs D^{o} D^{o} Provost S^{t}	33.66
D^{o} D^{o} D^{o} Orange S^{t}	64. 5
R Moran Acct repav^{g} Robinson St	300.00
	2539.27

which were agreed to

He also reported

[246] Balance in the Treasury	$9.574.20
Warrants not presented	$2569.27
	$7004.93

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts.

Aquila Giles Census & Jury list 8th Wd	200.00
Georg Cock Census & Jury List 4th Wd	150.00
Wm Wilmerding " " " 9th Wd	150.00
B Hart Powder. Funeral Capt Lawrence	277.85
Evng Post Advertisemts Police St Comsrs Office	39.75
Mercantile Advertizer " " "	9.25
C E Duncan. St Inspr Salry for Septr	52.00
B Hicks Asst City Inspr Do	60.00
Jas Hardie Do Do Do	62.50
A B Holmes St Inspr Do	52.00
S Green Do Do	52.00
S McCormick Park Keeper Do	45.00
M Ackerman Keeper Potters Field Do	45.00
B Skaats to pay ringing of Bells &c	49.00
Saml Walker posts Bills St Comsr & City Inspr	21.00
John Hardman Work on Roads for Sepr	210.22
Oliver Waldron D Do Do	196.55
Henry Brush repairs to pumps &c	50.00
Mathew Banks Do Do Do	13.75
Jas Richardson cleaning Wells &c	90.55
Wm Stratton Do Do	23.87
B Coney bale Well Pump Pitt St	59.80
T & G Lovett Acct Arundle St	100.00
[247] E Bishop & others assessg sundry Sts	80.00
E Hoyt filling up at Partition & Washinton St	25.73
E Meeks 24 Lamp Irons	60.00
M Reed 1st Instmt Well Pump. Pitt St	112.35
Do Do Do Pump St	83.30
John McComb Jr paymasr N C Hall	1000.00
J Randall for Surveys pr Contract	800.00
	$4171.47
Balance	$2832.46

[248] In Common Council Oct^{r} 18th 1813

present The Hon^{l} DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq^{r} Recorder

Peter Mesier John Vanderbilt J^{r} Charles Dickenson Richard Cunningham Isaac S Douglass Peter H Wendover Nicholas Fish John Pell	Aldermen	John Nitchie Augus^{n} H Lawrence Elisha W King Thomas R Smith Josiah Hedden Asa Mann W^{m} J Waldron W^{m} A Hardenbrook James Palmer

Assistants

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Thomas Duggan on subject of payment of ground taken for opening Canal Street was read and referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of Martin Hill for Stall N^{o} 28 Fly Market, and a Memorial from John M Read complaining of the conduct of John Minuse Deputy Clerk of the [249] Fly Market in instigating insulting behaviour by some Butchers Lads in said Market to Memoriallist were read & Referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition for a Well & Pump corner of George and Harman Street and for one near the Intersection of Beekman Street & William Street were read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner to report Ordinances

A Petition of Abraham Leggett to be permitted to fill up a Lot belonging to him in the 7th Ward at Corlears Hook adjoining the Estate of Andrew Garr deceased, & Thomas Gardner to the level of the Bulk Head on Thomas Gardners side, was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition of Aaron Ogden Lessee of Water Lot lying to the South of Market Field Street praying permission to erect at his own expense a small store over the Bed of Rocks lying between his Ferry Stairs & the Bulk Head adjoining the West Battery for the [250] *for the* acomodation and reception of Passengers and goods crossing the Ferry from Elizabeth Town &^{c} Ordered that the same be referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Complaint was received from Grove Wright & Ezra Weeks that M^{rs} Glover occupied a part of Thompson Street to their great detriment & that of the neighbourhood. ordered that the same be referred to the Attorney.

A Petition of Sarah Dobbs for remission of a Fine incurred by her Son, a Minor, a Petition from Robert Hunter for remission of a fine incurred by cutting down Trees in Chamber Street, a Petition from John Hyslop, W^m^ Rollinson & John Bennett for remission of Fines incurred by firing Guns within the proscribed limits were severally read & referred to the Attorney with authority to remit, And it was Ordered that the law to prevent firing Guns be printed in hand Bills and posted in the out wards of the City

A Petition of Samuel Corp complaining of an assessment upon him for a Well in [251] New Street and of injury done to his premises in digging said Well, was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & St Commiss^r^

A Petition of Margaret Varian praying remission of a Fine incurred under the Market Law, was read and Resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Roosevelt Street complaining of the Drain or Sewer in said Street and praying the same be constructed on another plan, was read and referred to the Alder^n^ & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition of Lewis K Storms stating that a complaint had been made against him by the Fire Wardens for a Breach as they alledge, of the provisions of the Fire Law which complaint he considers as unfounded and praying the same may be investigated Ordered to be referred to the Alder^n^ & Assistant of the Ward

A Memorial from Eastburn Kirk & Co, Garrit Storm & George Griswold was read, stating that they were purchasors from the Corporation [252] of the 4 Lots in Wall Street corner of Nassau S^t^ on which the Old City Hall Stood—that at the Sale a Map was exhibited of the ground as to be improved by the widening of Nassau Street the Expense of which it was understood was not to be born by the purchasors of said Lots that the Jury appointed by the Supreme Court to assess the damages for widening said Street have assessed a portion of the damages for widening said Street upon them, from which they pray to be exonerated Whereupon it was Resolved that it was the intent and meaning of the Common Council at the time of the Sale of said Lots that the purchasers thereof should not be liable to the said Assessment for opening said Street.

The Council of the Board was directed to proceed to procuring a confirmation by the Supreme Court of the Assessment made and reported by the Commissioners in that case appointed.

A Memorial of Abraham Brinkerhoff Isaac L Kip & George Brink-

erhoff was read stating that the Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court to make the Assessment [253] and estimate required by reason of the enlarging & improving Nassau Street had valued a part of the ground on which the Old City Hall stood formerly belonging to the Corporation at the Sum of $11400 and included the same in the assessment to be paid by the Owners of property in said Street benefitted by said improvement. That the Memorialists understood at the time the order for widening said Street passed the Common Council, that the Corporation were to cede said ground for the purposes of the contemplated improvement and were not to be compensated therefor, they therefore pray that the Common Council would unite with them in an application to the Supreme Court to refer said assessment back to the Commissioners for revisal and correction. Whereupon ordered that the same lie on the Table

A Petition of Peter Fenton for Water Grant for 3 Lots on Greenwich Street between Watts Street and the Land of Alexander L Stewart was read and referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of Eliphalet Sturtevent for permission to transfer Lot N° in Elm St to W^m J Waldron & Levi Garnsey was read and referred to the Comptroller

[254] A Petition of Henry Shute for a appointment of Inspector of Manure was read and referred to the Committee on applications

A Petition from Abraham Stagg and others that Greenwich Street may be repaved from Vesey to Partition St was read and ordered that the Street Commissioner report an Ordinance therefor

A Petition for additional Lamps in Hubert Street was read and referred to the Lamp Committee

A Petition of John Ritchie, was read stating that while in the service of the Corporation in blowing Rocks on the Middle Road, the Powder unexpectedly exploded and blew off the Petitioner's left hand whereby he is rendered incapable to procure a subsistence by labor & praying relief. Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee of Charity

An Application of Mathais Bruen for permission to erect a vault in the Street opposite N° 226 Broad Way was granted on the usual terms.

[255] The City Inspector on the petition of John J Astor Reported That he has examined the premises in question and is of opinion that until Hetty Street is regulated, the filling in of the Lot owned by M^r Astor would be attended with no public utility, as the Water which

now settles upon Mr Astors Lot would be then thrown upon the adjacent ground and occasion more inconvenience than is now produced, he therefore recommends that the Suit be discontinued

respectfully submitted,

(Signed) J Morton City Inspr

Which was agreed to and the Suit ordered to be discontinued on the usual terms.

The Council agreably to order presented the draft of a petition to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners to open and extend Hudson Street from Vandam to the center of Hamersly Street which was directed to be duly authenticated

The Committee on applications on the Petition of George Love to be appointed a measurer of Charcoal reported in favor of Petitioner which was approved & he was appointed accordingly

[256] The City Inspector presented drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from No 35 to No 55 which were passed

The Comptroller presented for execution Indentures for commutation of Quit Rents to the persons herein named in conformity to a Resolution of the Board passed July 1813.

original grant to whom given	when dated	Annual Rent	By whom commuted	Amount Recd
Executrs of Wm Brownjohn.....	20 Octr 1784	£5. 4.6	Robt Bowne & Thos Eddy	$217.64
Wm Brownjohn	19 Augst, 1772	6. 3.0	The N Y Fireman Insurance Company A Jackson, Thos Masterton Wm Thomas Wm Vardewart, Wm Mathews George Bruce Thos Eddy Rob Bowne.....	256.37
Wm Brownjohn....	19 Augt 1772	3. 5.4	Robt Bowne & Thos Eddy.....	136.00
Jacobus Lefferts....	15 Octobr 1785	4.16.9	Leffert Lefferts.....	201.50
				$811.51

(Signed) Thomas R Mercein Comptr

Which were ordered to be duly executed.

The Comptroller on the Petition of T Waldon reported, That there is no reasonable objection to assigning his lease to Jacob T

Waldon and therefore recommends the prayer of the petition to be granted

(Signed) Thos R Mercein

Which was approved.

[257] The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engn Compy No 3

Jas A Melvin, Cordwainer, 2 Nassau St 1 Wd
vice John Wiley resigned

No 1.

Gilbert Hyslop, Grocer 269 Greenwich St 5 Wd
vice J R Johnston Do

Joseph Swartwout Cartman 10 Leonard St 5 Wd
vice Abm Moore Do

No 33

Anthony J Allaire Brass founder Cherry St 7th Wd
vice Richd Appleby Expelled

No 41

Andrew Grozart, Acct Orchard St 10 Wd
vice Solomon W Mears Do

Augustus Craft, Cartman, Division St 10 Wd vice Wm Place resigned

Samuel Way, Fish dealer 27 Essex St 10th Wd vice Wm Brown Expelled

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for regulating Walnut Street from Grand to Water Street which was passed & William Stilwell, John Brower & Thos C Taylor were appointed Assessors. Also for a Well in Lewis Street between Delancy & Rivington Street which was passed & Solomon Wheeler, Peter F Cisco & George Dominick were appointed Assessors

He also presented an Assessment for a Well in Pell St near Bowery lane & for a Well in Pump St near Sixth Street which were confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each

[258] The Street Commissioner & Comptroller to whom was committed the location of the Dam & Bridge to be constructed by Mr Robt MaComb across Harlaem River reported

That they in company with Stephen Ludlum City Surveyor met Mr MaComb at Bussings Point on Monday the 11th Inst. And after having carefully examined the situation and direction of the 7th & 8th avenues as well as the opposite Shore, course of the River, & depth of water

at that place, were of opinion the Dam and Bridge ought to commence at the end of the 7th avenue, presuming the avenue will be continued for about 150 Feet from the present Shore. This will enable Mr MaComb to lay the dam at, or nearly at right angles with the Current, commencing at Bussings point a little to the Westward of the Westerly side of the 7th Avenue crossing the River to a small Island, at Devoes point forming an angle with the 7th Avenue of about 22 Degrees.

All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) John McComb Jr St Comsr
Thos R Mercein Compr

Which was approved.

The Comptroller on the Petition of Thos Duggan [259] Reported that it appears that the Commissioners for making Canal Street awarded to Thomas Duggan for ground taken for the formation of said Streets $11.774.80 That all his property of which the land so taken formed a principal part was mortgaged and in suit, and therefore the same arrangement could not be made with him for his award, as was made with others at that time, viz to liquidate the claims against the Corporation for Canal Street by subscription to City Stock. The difficulties which prevented a settlement at that time, have since been obviated and the parties are now desirous to have their claim adjusted by payment of the balance due them either in money or by bond

The amount already advanced by the Corporation for settlement of Canal Street Claims is with Interest more than $100 000, and the undersigned deems it improper at this time to increase that amount by Drafts on the Treasury, as there is every reason to believe that (in consequence of the calamitous situation in which we are placed) the demands for the support of the poor the ensuing season will far exceed all antecedent [260] periods and therefore care should be taken to husband all our resources to meet the same He therefore recommends that four Bonds of equal amount payable in one two three & four years be granted previous to which it is confidently hoped, that some arrangement may be made for the collection of the Canal Street assessment, the advances for which by the Corporation forms one seventh of the whole City debt

Annexed is a statement of Thos Duggans accounts as appears from the Books & papers in this office. respe[c]tfully submitted

(Sigd) Thos R Mercein

Which was approved and bonds ordered to issue accordingly

Amount of award for ground taken		$11774.80
Intst thereon from 2d June to 2d Nov 1810		343.42
		$12118.22
Nov 2 1810 The Board grantd two Bonds for		3500.00
		$8618.22
Interest on the Balance from 2d Novr to 18th June 1812		981.98
		$9600.20
18th June Assmt back	$1053.26	
Do on Broadway	21.00	
part of a Lot conveyed back	88.33	1162.59
Balc with 7 pr Ct Int		$8437.61

[261] Resolved that the Bellevue Committee be authorized to purchase and exchange with Saml Jones Junr Esqr such part of his property adjacent to the property of the Corporation at Bellevue as they shall judge for the interest of the Corporation

Aldern Fish from the Committee of defence stated that some misconception having arisen on the part of Commodore Lewis Comdt of the U S Gun Boats on this Station as to the period for which 15 of them were engaged by the Common Council he begged leave to state, what had passed between the Committee & Comdre Lewis on the subject and to request the direction of the Board. Whereupon the following Letter addressed by the Comptroller to Commodore Lewis was read in the words following.

Comr Lewis.

The period for which the Honl the Common Council engaged to man the 15 Gun Boats under your command having expired and the Board at their late meeting not having taken any new orders on the subject I have deemed it proper to acquaint you with the Circumstance in [262] order to prevent your incurring any responsibility on their Account.

To this Letter. a reply from Commodore Lewis was received as follows

Thos R Mercein Esqr

Sir It is necessary I should receive formal notice to discharge the men attached to the Corporation Boats (so call'd) because it requires some time to collect them together, pay them off, dismantle the Boats,

& place them in safety, I presume also that the Corporation have advised the Secretary of the Navy of their determination

very respectfully yours

(Signed) J Lewis, Com^{dr} U S Flotilla

M^{r} Smith then moved that the Common Council agree to pay the the Gun Boats for one month beyond the time for which they were first engaged—The question having been taken thereon and a division having been called it passed in the negative as follows.

Negative 10. Alder^{n} Mesier, Dickenson, Cunningham, Douglass. Fish. Mess^{rs} Nitchie, Brackett Lawrence, King, Hardenbrook.

263] Affirmative 6 Alde^{n} Buckmaster, Pell, Mess^{rs} Smith. Mann Waldron, Palmer

M^{r} Nitchie then presented the following Resolution, Resolved that this Corporation do not consider themselves responsible for the payment and victualing of the Crews of 15 Gun Boats under Com^{dre} Lewis for any longer time than three months the period for which they orginally engaged to pay and victual them and that they consider the Letter of their Comptroller advising Commodore Lewis of its expiration as an official communication.

Upon the Question being taken thereon and a division having been called it was carried in the Affirmative 10 to 6 those Members who before voted in the Negative now voting in the Affirmative, & those voting in the Negative who before voted in the Affirmative. Excepting M^{r} Palmer who now voted in the Affirmative, & M^{r} Hardenbrook who now voted in the Negative.

Ordered that the Clerk of the Com^{n} Council furnish Comd^{re} Lewis with a Copy of the above Resolution.

Ordered that a Warrant issue for payment [264] of such Sums as may be due for pay & Subsistence of the 15 Gun Boats for the period of 3 months for which they were engaged

The Committee to whom the subject had been referred, reported that the Books of the Census of the Inhabitants of the several Wards of the City were now compleated and were deposited in the Office of the City Inspector.

They also reported that the List of persons qualified to serve as Jurors had been taken agreably to the order of the Board and was now compleated

Whereupon Ordered that the same be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York agreably to law.

Resolved that the Road Committee be authorized to repair the

Broad Way Road between the House of the Manhattan Bank and Love lane.

The Comptroller Reported

Accounts audited and for which Warrants have been drawn since the last Meeting of the Board

[265] Farrington & White Watch		621.25
Hedden & Angevine	Do	315.00
Holden & Lawrence	Do	498.75
Hays & Bogert	Do	670.25
		$2105.25

which were agreed to

Ballance in the Treasury	$17370.45
Warrants not presented	258.00
	$17112.45

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Peter Hatricks. 1st Instlmt Inclenh Bond. due 25 Sepr	559.48.	Int	67.36	626.84
Leonard Bleecker Bond assgd to B Desobry Amt...	462.38	Do	56.30	518.68
John McLeods 1 paymt due 25 Sepr	550.84	Do	67.10	617.94
Patrick McKays Bond assgd to E Berger Amt...	1266. 6	Do	154.35	1420.31
Michael Wymes 1st paymt due 25 Sepr	387.91	Do	47.22	435.13
Geo Sinclair 1st paymt Do	71.58	Do	8.77	80.35
Wm Dove by J Hyslop his Atty Do	534.22	Do	65. 6	599.28
Jas Masterton 1st paymt Do	534.22	Do	65.61	599.83
Elbert Anderson Junr 1 paymt Do	152.95	Do	18.94	171.89
Wm Brady Collectr 9th Ward to refund him for surplus of Tax				573.00
T & Geo Lovett Instlmt for peir W side James Slip				352.04
Wm M Summers Inspr of Bread to 8th Inst				79.41
Emmons & Pinckney Assessors for 8th Ward				110.00
Wm Ball repairing Mud Machine				939.12
Luke Pursiany Do Do Do				220.96
Thos Collister & others ground & other Charges of Cap Lawrence Fund				31.50
Jacob Morton Salry to 11 Inst City Inspr & recs Clerk				437.50
[266] John Bloodgood. Coroner 1 July to 11 Octr				378.71
James Graham Acct Drain in Broad St				100.00
Charles Mooney Do pavg Broome St				100.00
Richd Moran balc due him for repairs Park place				24.43
James Chricton for stone for Park place				50.56
T & Geo Lovett Acct regulag Third St				100.00
Charles Mooney balc due regulag Dominick St				74.00
P Kelly balc due paving Suffolk St				449.00
Chas Mooney Acct regulag Broome St				100.00
T & G Lovett repaig Pubc docks & Slips Washgton Market				574.65

Jas Richardson cleaning Wells. &c	27.12
E Jennings Balc Well Pump James St	62.00
M Reid Balc Well Pump Spring St	81.00
E Jennings Supdt Lamps to 11 Inst	532.47
Wm C Barker 20 Casks Summer Oil	1769.24
John McComb Jr N C Hall	1000.00
Jas Wallace Supdt Repairs	500.00
Comtee Defence for Gun Boats	2000.00
	$15736.95
Balance	$1375.49

[267] In Common Council Special Meeting Octr 21. 1813

present The Honl De Witt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
Charles Dickenson		Josph Warren Brackett	
Richard Cunningham		Elisha W King	
Isaac S Douglass		Thos R Smith	
George Buckmaster		Josiah Hedden	
Peter H Wendover		Asa Mann	
Nicholas Fish		Wm J Waldron	
		Wm A Hardenbrook	
		James Palmer	

The following Resolutions presented by Mr King, were agreed to

Resolved that in celebration of the brilliant and memorable victory atchieved by Comdre Oliver H Perry on Lake Erie and the important successes of Genl Harrison resulting in a great measure therefrom, the City Hall of this City be illuminated on Saturday Evening next from the hour of 7 to 10 O Clock

Resolved that Aldern Mesier Mr Smith & [268] Mr King be a committee to carry the above Resolution into effect

The following was presented by Aldern Wendover

The Common Council sensibly impressed with the happy effects resulting to our common Country and more particularly to our western Brethren from the capture of the British Army under the barbarous Genl Proctor—and the defeat of his savage allies, atchieved by the heroic Genl Harrison, and his patriotic officers and Men. Resolved as a testimony of the high esteem entertained by the Common Council for the military talents and officer like conduct of Major Genl Wm Henry Harrison, that an elegant sword be presented him by this common council together with the Freedom of the City in a gold Box,

each to contain such devices as shall be sufficiently descriptive of his courage & skill in this noble enterprise

Resolved that when the above articles are prepared they be forwarded to Gen[l] Harrison accompanied by a Letter from this Board to be prepared by his Honor the Mayor & Committee of Defence

[269] Resolved that the thanks of this Board be presented to the officers and Soldiers of Gen[l] Harrison's army for their fidelity to their Country eminently displayed in vanquishing a merciless army selected by a civilized Government to commit heretofore unheard of deeds of blood

Resolved that His Honor the Mayor be requested to forward a copy of these Resolutions to Gen[l] Harrison.

Upon the Question of agreeing to the same a Division having been called it passed in the Negative 12 as follows.

M[r] Recorder, Alder[n] Mesier, Dickenson, Cunningham Douglass. Fish—Mess[rs] Nitchie, Brackett, King Hedden, Hardenbrook, Palmer,

Affirmative 5 Alder[n] Buckmaster, Wendover Mess[rs] Smith Mann, Waldron,

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for repairing Greenwich Street from Vesey to partition Street which was passed & William Stilwell, John Brower & Tho[s] Taylor were appointed Assessors.

The Comptroller on the petition of Eliphalet [270] Sturtevant reported that no objections exists to render the transfer improper. he therefore recommends that it be made in conformity to the prayer of the petition

(Signed) Tho[s] R Mercein.

Which was agreed to.

[271] In Common Council November 1[st] 1813

present The Hon[l] De Witt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq[r] Recorder

Peter Mesier John Vanderbilt J[r] Charles Dickenson Richard Cunningham Isaac S Douglass George Buckmaster	Aldermen	John Nitchie Augustine H Lawrence Elisha W King Asa Mann W[m] J Waldron W[m] A Hardenbrook James Palmer	Assistants

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

This being the period of the Quarterly visitation of the Alms

House and Bridewell the Common Council performed that duty after which the following business was transacted

An invitation from Gen[l] Morton to the Members of the Common Council to attend at the practice of the First Brigade of Artillery on Wednesday next in firing at a Hulk to be anchored off the Battery was read. and

[272] Resolved that the Common Council will attend agreably to said invitation

An invitation from D[r] David Hosaack for the Common Council to attend his Introductory Lecture to be delivered on Wednesday next at the Colledge of Physicians and Surgeons was read and accepted.

The City Inspector presented Drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 32 to N° 40 which were passed

The Council presented the following Deeds which were ordered to be Executed

1[st] A Declaration of Sale of Lot N° 751 Bayards Farm to Robert Menomy, of Lot N° 675 said Farm to the same person, also of Lot N° 676 to Hector Scott and of Lot N° 678 to the last mentioned person. Which conveyances have been drawn by the Council in pursuance of information given to him by the Street Commissioner, and are for Lots which have been sold for nonpayment of assessments.

respectfully submitted

(Signed) D S Jones

[273] A Petition from J Mason, G S Mumford & C Zabriskie for permission to erect five Vaults in Broad Way near Bleecker Street opposite their Lots, was granted on the usual terms.

A Petition from Abner Curtis late Register of Dogs, praying to be allowed certain Expenses incurred by him in carrying into Execution the Dog Law, was read & referred to the following Committee with authority to allow such of the Charges in his account as they should think just and reasonable

Com[tee] appointed were Alde[n] Vanderbilt Alde[n] Buckmaster M[r] Palmer

Petitions from Cornelius King & from Sam[l] Learned for Stalls in the Washington Market were read & refer[d] to the Market Committee.

A Petition from Joseph Seely was received stating that he was proprietor of 4 Lots of ground which are included in that part designated on the Commissioners Map [274] as Union place That being thus circumstanced he is unable to dispose of them which is greatly injurious to him and praying relief. Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee on Surveys

A Petition of Samuel Eldridge to be appointed an Inspector of Manure was read & granted.

A Letter from Beekman M Van Beuren former Commissioner of Excise was read stating that he had formerly petitioned the Board on the subject of a loss which he had sustained of a part of the money which he had received as Commissioner of Excise his pocket Book containing the same, having been stolen from him—that the petition had been referred to a Committee who had not reported—and praying the decision of the Board

Ordered to be referred to The Recorder Alder^{n} Mesier M^{r} Lawrence

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

[275] Fire Engine Company N^{o} 28.

John A Tenbrook, Butcher. B^{d} Way R^{d} 8th W^{d} vice J Acker res^{gd}

The Committee on Wharves to whom was referred the Letter of John R. Murray on the subject of a Pier at Albany Basin Reported That they have viewed the premises and are of opinion that a Block should be sunk in the center of Albany Basin so as to meet the Bulk Heads on each side of the Slip, and your Committee would recommend that the said Slip should be filled up as soon as convenient. as Washington Street crosses the same

all which is submitted

(Signed) R Cunningham
G Buckmaster
Charles Dickenson
A H Lawrence

Which was approved and the Street Commissioner directed to carry the same into effect.

The Committee of Charity on the petition of Sebastian Noth reported that they have made diligent enquiry into the character and circumstances of the petitioner and are [276] satisfied that the facts set forth in his petition in relation thereto are true. and they respectfully recommend that the Sum of seventy five Dollars be placed in the hands of the Superintendant of the Alms House to be applied to the relief of the petitioner from time to time as occasion may require

All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) E W King
James Palmer

Which was approved and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant accordingly

The Street Commissioner presented Assessments. For paving Arundle Street from Stanton to Division Street, one for paving Broad Way from Leonard to Canal Street—which were confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each.

Also an Assessment for a Drain in Broad S[t] which was ordered to be referred back to the Assessors for revisal

Also. ordinances for a Well & Pump in Harman near Market Street—& for one in William between Beekman & Little George St—which were passed and Solomon Wheeler, Stephen Kingsland & George Dominick were appointed Assessors in [277] the former, and W[m] Stilwell John Brown & Thomas C Taylor in the latter.

Also a Return of Delinquents in the ordinance for regulating Clark Street. whereupon a Warrant was ordered to issue for collection of the same

The Comptroller on the Petition of Tho[s] Duggan reported, that arrangements were made for settlement of Petitioners Claim as would appear by his Report on the Petition of Silas Lord—which Report was as follows.

In conformity to the order of the Board 18[th] Oct[r]. The Comptroller has prepared and herewith presents four Bonds to Silas Lord for payment of Balance due him for ground taken from Thomas Duggan by the Commissioners for forming Canal Street

viz

One conditioned for pay[mt] of				$2437.61	pay[be]	10 Oct 1814
D[o]	"	"	"	2000	D[o]	18 Oct 1815
D[o]	"	"	"	2000	D[o]	18 Oct 1816
D[o]	"	"	"	2000	D[o]	18 Oct 1817

(Signed) Tho[s] R Mercein Comp[tr]

Which was approved & Bonds were ordered to be executed agreably thereto.

The Comptroller on the Memorial of G W. [278] Talbot Reported as follows.

The Comptroller has the honor to represent to the Board, that George W Talbot as Asssignee of the Estate of A Kinder & Co, has applied for payment of Monies advanced by the latter for purchase of Inclenburgh Lots N[o] 20 & N[o] 21 It appears that at the time the Board made a settlement with the other purchasors of Inclenburgh Lots that Kinder & Co had become Bankrupts and no person was then authorized to make a reconveyance and to receive the Bonds. By reference to the Minutes of the Common Council it will be seen that

Bonds payable in 2, 3 & 4 years from the 25 Sept^{r} 1811. with Interest at 6 per Ct p^{r} Annum were given to all the other purchasors of said Lots, for the amount by them paid including the Interest the first payment of which became due 25 Ulto

As a conveyance for the said Lots No. 20 & 21 has lately been made by persons duly authorized and a settlement is now required, it is respectfully recommended to issue a Warrant in favor of G W Talbot for the one third due the 25 Ulto with Interest and [279] to give a Bond for the remaining two thirds on the same terms as was heretofore directed in the other cases above referred to

Statement of settlement for reconveyance of Inclenburgh Lots N^{o} 21 & 20 as proposed to be made with M^{r} Talbot

1806	Amount of Sales Lot N^{o} 20	$620.00
	D^{o} D^{o} " 21	730.00
		1350.00
	Interest paid thereon	135.22
		$1485.22
	The Common Council also directed interest to be allowed on the Sums paid from 25 March 1806 to 25 Sep^{r} 1811 when the Bonds were given	490.00
		$1975.22
	A payment was made of one Years Quit Rent which was directed to be refunded without Interest	170.00
	Due 25 Sep^{r} Total am^{t}	$2145.22

One third due 25 Ult^{o}	$715. 8		
D^{o} " 25 Sep^{r} 1814	715. 8		with Interest at 6 per cent per Annum.
D^{o} " 25 Sep^{r} 1815	715. 8		
	$2145.22		

(Signed) Tho^{s} R Mercein. Comp^{r}

Which was approved and bonds directed to be executed accordingly

The Comptroller on the petition of Peter Fenton for the water right in front of his property in Greenwich Street, Reported [280] that no objections exist, against the grant. He therefore respectfully recommends that the same be granted on the usual terms

(Signed) Tho^{s} R Mercein, Comp^{r}

The Comptroller stated that by a Resolution of the Board of October 18th he was directed to issue a Warrant for the balance due for pay & rations for the fifteeen Gun Boats lately employed by the Cor-

poration for three months agreably to the original contract—The Sum (at the time the engagement was entered into) proposed as sufficient to cover this expense was estimated at $27.000. It now appears by the Agents Accounts it will be nearly $32,000. making a difference of about $5,000

Not deeming himself altogether authorized by the Resolution referred to, to settle the accounts in this manner he respectfully requests the order of the Board in relation thereto

(Signed) Thos R Mercein,

Whereupon he was directed to settle and pay said account to such amount as should appear to him to be due.

The Ferry Committee & Comptroller reported that agreably to the authority given to them [281] they had purchased for the sum of $2 000 the ground belonging to Jacob McKeag on the Long Island side opposite to Horns Hook and that the conveyances for the same had been duly executed. Whereupon the same were ordered to be recorded.

It was also resolved that the Ferry Committee & Comptroller be authorized to lease the said ground for a term not exceeding twenty-one Years.

The Committee on the Petition of the Harlaem Bridge Company. Reported that they have examined the Draft of the Act submitted to the consideration of the Board, and recommend that the approbation of this Corporation to the said act becoming a Law of the state be signified in due form to the next Legislature

Signed

Peter Mesier Wm J Waldron J Nitchie	Comtee of Surveys	E W King Wm A Hardenbrook J Nitchie	Comtee on Laws.

Which was approved.

The Committee on Surveys on the Account of John Randell Junr Reported, that said account is for measurements of avenues & [282] *and* cross lines made in pursuance of a contract dated 31 Decr 1810 between the said John Randel Junr and the Committee of Surveys in behalf of the Corporation.

That your present Committee have examined the same and find the charges are made in conformity to said Contract & the several Resolutions of the Board on this subject. said contract moreover provides for the setting of Monumental stones at the intersections made by the avenues and Streets, and this work is already in such forwardness that by the middle of next may it will in all probability be com-

pleated. It is further stipulated in said contract that the Corporation shall during the progress of said Work make from time to time reasonable advances, and the credits given in said accounts has been in compliance with this article, leaving a ballance still due on this amount of $3696..36.

Your Committee therefore recommend that a Warrant for $2696..36 part of said Balance be issued to said John Randel Junr

which is respecfully submitted

Signed Peter Mesier
Wm A Hardenbrook
Wm J Waldron
J Nichie

[283] Which was approved and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant agreably thereto.

The same Committee on the subject of opening of the First Avenue Reported:

That the Common Council have heretofore directed so much of said avenue to be opened as lies between the 10th & 25th Streets the former of which intersects the first avenue south of Stuyvesant Street and the latter adjoins the Corporation property at Bellevue thereby shortening the distance between the City and the Bellevue Establishment.

That the opening of so small an additional portion of said Avenue as is prayed for would in the opinion of the Committee be of inconsiderable benefit to the Memorialists or to the public, as the entrance of the Avenue at North Street would still be closed; of this the Memorialists are now sensible and have therefore prayed that the opening of the said Avenue may be extended from Tenth to North Street where it terminates

The Committee sensible of the advantages which would result to the public from adopting this last proposition of the Memorialists, in as much as it would afford [284] a short and direct route to Bellevue which will be of considerable importance when the contemplated establishment at that place shall be permanently fixed, recommend that the prayer of the Memorialists be granted, and that the First avenue be forthwith opened from Tenth to North Street

respectfully submitted

(Signed) Peter Mesier
Wm A Hardenbrook
Wm J Waldron
John Nitchie

Which was approved and the Attorney was directed to take the necessary steps for carrying the same into execution.

The Committee on the Petition of John Ritchie reported that Petitioner when he received the injury was in the employ of the state, and therefore recommended that the Petition should be referred to the Commissioners of the Alms House which was approveed

Resolved that George Wilson be appointed Weigh Master of the Hay scales at Harlaem in place of Nathan[l] Horn resg[d]

[285] Ordered that the Sum of Sixty Dollars be paid in advance to the widow of J B Taylor. Deceased

The following Resolution was proposed by Alderman Mesier and unanimously agreed to.

The Common Council in consideration of the high sence they entertain of the important services rendered to this City by Col[n] Jonathan Williams in preparing and executing Plans of defence for this Port and as an evidence of the distinguished esteem they entertain for his character and professional talents. Resolve that he be requested to sit for his likeness to be preserved in the Gallery of portraits belonging to the City and that the Clerk of the Common Council be authorized to see this Resolution carried into effect

Resolved that a Copy of the Map of the City be given to each of the Commissioners and to the Purveyor of the Alms House.

The Board proceeded agreably to the act in that case made and provided to appoint Inspectors of the ensuing Charter Election [286] and to designate the places where the Polls of the several Wards should be holden, and the following appointments were made

1[st] W[d]

Jacob Sherred—Peter A Schenck—Martin S Williams Poll to be holden at Heslys Inn corner of Wall and Nassau Streets.

2[d] W[d]

Miles Hitchcock—Isaac M Ely—W[m] W Todd. Poll. Battins Coffee House corner Burling Slip & Water Street

3[d] W[d]

John Bogart—Najah Taylor—Samuel V[n] Wyck Poll. N[o] 5 Courtlandt S[t] Lyons Tavern.

4[th] W[d]

James Tyler—Leonard Fisher—Eldad Holmes Poll—Harmony Hall.

5th Wd

William Henderson. John P Groshon. Samuel L Mitchell Poll —J Hatfields Tavern corner of Church & Leonard St

6th Wd

Stephen Price—Stephen Burdett—John Sparks Poll—Jays tavern Mott St.

7th Wd

John Vansicklin—Boswell W Lewis—Wm B Crosby Poll Smith Places Tavern Cherry Street

[287] 8th Wd

James Walsh—Aquila Giles—Jonathan Pinkney Poll. William Strattons, Tavern Broad Way

9th Wd

Wm Wilmerding—Wm Brady—John P Adriance Poll—John N Grensebacks Inn

10th Wd.

Peter Ogilvie Saml Stilwell. Stephen Kingsland Poll. John Whipps Tavern corner of Bowery and Broome Street.

The Comptroller Reported

Warrants passed during the recess of the Board Octr 25th 1813.

Cash in the Treasury	$13069.92
Warrants not presented	223.50
	$12846.92
Hays & Bogert Watch	694.75
Holden & Lawrence "	476.00
Farrington & White "	621.25
Hedden & Angevine	315.00
F. W Birdsall filling cellar of Stone House at Brooklyn by order Ferry Committee	20.00
Mark Reid Well Pump Reed St	108.00
Charles Mooney on Acct Regulas Clark St	100.00
Do " " pavg Cherry St	100.00
John Williams regulating Crosby St	100.00
Archibald Smith on acct Partition St	500.00
[288] Mark Reid Balc due Well Pump Orchard St	82.92
G W Talbot paymt Inclenburgh bond & Int thereon	520.26
N Griffith " " " "	99.83
Silas Lord Int due Canal St Bond as pr Setnt acct	787.51
Richard Furman Washington Market	4000.

Thos R Mercein On acct Salry as Compr	1000.00
E W King, purchase McKeags Property Hellgate	2000.00
	11.525.52

Which was agreed to

He also reported.

1st Nov 1813. Cash in the Treasury	$5644.21
Warrants. not presented	887.51
	4756.70

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts

R Graves Asst St Comsr Salry to 1st Nov	195.00
J Hardie " City Inspr " " " "	62.50
B Hicks " " " " " " "	82.00
A B Holmes St Inspr " " " "	52.00
C E Duncan " " " " " " "	52.00
Saml Green " " " " " " "	52.00
M Ackerman " " " " " " "	46.50
D S Jones. to pay Arbitn fees. case C Smith & Wife	48.00
Henry Brush reprs to pumps	59.50
M Banks " "	34.62
D Stilwell " "	53.75
G Collis " "	27.74
Jas Richardson cleaning Wells &c	25.00
E Boggs Acct Well & Pump Greenwich St	50.83
[289] J McComb Jr St Comsr for paymt sundry Bills for paving public property	284.27
C Mooney acct paving Cherry St	400.00
T & G Lovett " " Third St	150.00
J Cunningham on Acct South St from Coentius Slip to Exchange Slip	166.47
Jos Hoyt on acct regulatg Pitt St	100.00
T & G Lovett on acct Bulk Head foot Broome St	447.50
Do " " Pier West side James Slip	450.31
James Bryden. Inclenburgh Bond & Instst due 25 September	63.61
Jas Wallace Supdt Reprs for Engine Houses	500.00
Charles Dickenson Treasr Bd of Health	400.00
	3783.60
Balance in the Treasury	$973.10

[290] In Common Council Nov^{r} 8th 1813

present The Hon^{l} De Witt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Recorder

John Vanderbilt J^{r}	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
Peter Mesier		Augustine H Lawrence	
Charles Dickenson		Elisha W King	
Richard Cunningham		Josiah Hedden	
John Morss		Asa Mann	
Isaac S Douglass		W^{m} J Waldron	
George Buckmaster		W^{m} A Hardenbrook	
Peter H Wendover		James Palmer	
John Pell			

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

The following resignations from persons appointed Inspectors of the ensuing Charter Election, were read and accepted & the follow^{g} persons were appointed in their stead

	1st W^{d}	M S Wilkins	res^{gd}		Augustus Wyncoop	app^{d}
	4th "	E Holmes	"		Rob^{t} Dodge	"
	5th "	S. L. Mitchell	"		Amos Corning	"
	6th "	S^{m} Burdett	"		John Sidell	"
[291]	7th "	Jn^{o} V^{n} Sickland	"	&	Benj^{n} S Knapp	"
	D^{o} D^{o}	W^{m} B Crosby	"	"	Ab^{m} Dally	"

a Resignation was also received from Samuel V^{n} Wyck of 3^{d} W^{d} but not accepted

A Petition of John Baker to be appointed Deputy Clerk of the Market at the Arsenal was read and referred to the Market Committee

The following letter was received from Col^{n} Jonathan Williams

Sir N Y. Nov 3 1813

I have had the honor of receiving an Extract from the Minutes of the Common Council of the City of New York dated the 1st Inst, by which it appears they have not only favoured me with the most flattering approbation of the works of defence which it has been my fortunate Lot to erect on the borders of this Harbour; but have also requested me to sit for my likeness to be preserved in the Gallery of portraits in this City

The usual Expressions of thanks for marks of distinction, and acquiescence in honorable Intentions would fall far short of a description of my feelings on this occasion; for my [292] attachment to this City, in everything that can relate to its safety, honor and prosperity, is so interwoven with the most respectful and affectionate regard for your honorable and patriotic Corporation & Citizens, individually as

well as collectively, that I can only say, that my gratitude will have no other bounds than my existence

As you have been the official organ of the communication permit me to ask you to be the means of conveying my answer to it

I am &c

(Sigd) Jon[a] Williams

J Morton
Clerk Com[a] Council

A Petition for a Lamp in Lispenard Street near Church Street was read & referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition of Isaac A V[a] Hook formerly Attorney of the Corporation praying that his account against the Corporation might be referred to the Committee on Laws. was read and ordered that the same be referred to the comt[ee] on Laws & ordinances

[293-A] A Letter from Daniel Connor of Baltimore to the Mayor praying to be informed whether the Corporation had granted any allowance to him in consequence of his services to the public in detecting felons &c was read and together with Documents of proceedings in the criminal Courts of Baltimore against certain Felons, were referred to the Committee on Police

A Petition from Abraham Leggett praying for grant of Water Lot opposite his Lot in Water Street near Corlears Hook—And a Petition from the Heirs of John P Ritter for grant of Water Lot N° 15 fronting on Greenwich Street, bounded Westerly on West Street Northerly by Charlton St & Southerly by ground belonging to said Estate, were severally read & referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants praying that the Hulk of an old vessel which was sunk in Whitehall Slip might be removed—was referred to the Sup[dt] of Repairs with direction to remove the same and to recover the Expense from the owner of the Hulk when discovered

[293-B] A Memorial was received from Benjamin Ferris. John Jacob Astor Henry Rankin & John R Murray, stating that they are owners of ground in the 5[th] Ward on the Westerly side of Greenwich Street between Vestry St and the property of James Donaldson corner of Hubert Street, that they were directed by an ordinance to fill in their Lots to the Westerly side of Washington Street—That considerable delay took place in the Corporation ascertaining the quit rent which the Memorialists were to pay for said Water Lots. That tho

considerable progress has been made in filling in said Lots it will be some time before they can be compleated and the proprietors can receive any advantage therefrom. They therefore pray that the rent to be paid may commence from the 1st May next. They also pray that the rent payable from the said premises may be secured on the Lots to be made ground on the Westerly side of Washington Street. Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee of Finance and the Comptroller.

A Petition from Andrew Smith to be relieved from the penalty of a recognizance [294] entered into by him for the performance of a Condition that one Moses Williams should leave the State, which has been complied with, tho' not within the time prescribed in the recognizance, was read. Ordered that the same be referred to the Attorney with authority to remit the penalty.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Greenwich Street between Jay & Duane Street which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

He also presented a Return of Delinquents upon Assessments for Wells in Orchard Street & Rivington Street, and Warrants were ordered to be issued for collection of the same

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engn Compy No 5

John Matthews, Shoemaker, No 9 Maiden Lane, 3d Wd, Vice Jeromus Schenck resgd

Carrinton Wilson, Milliner, No 137 Wm St 2d Wd Vice James R Lenox removd

No 22.

Matthew Anderson, Carpenter, Orchard St, 10 Wd, Vice John Bent resgd

No 29

David Baker, Blacksmith, Greenwich 6th Wd Vice Jas Agnew Deceasd

[295] A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of Broome Street praying that on Account of several Felonious attempts that have been lately made in that part of the City, that a Watchman may be stationed in that street, between Mulberry and Orange Street, was read and referred to the Watch Committee

The Committee on the petition of Wm Johnson presented a Report the consideration of which was postponed

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	$21.415.44
Warrants not presented	782.50
	$20632.94

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the follow[g] Acct[s]

Hays & Bogert Watch	694.75
Farrington & White D[o]	621.25
Holden & Lawrence D[o]	474.25
Hedden & Angevine D[o]	315.00
E Jennings Sup[dt] Lamps to 11 Inst[t]	532.44
R Dodge rep[rs] to Lamps to 1 Nov p[r] Contr[ct]	318.25
S[l] Nichols " " " fr[m] 1 May to Nov[r]	106.90
Hardcastle & V[n] Pelt p[r]ints 1 Q[r] 1 Nov[r]	179.00
W[m] Post Carriage Hire	18.00
[296] S Bell for Staves for sherriffs Office	29.65
J Macomb J[r] for illumination City Hall	190.00
A H Lawrence sund[y] Charges Lawrence's Fune[l]	44.13
A Woodward Compleas[g] Jury Book & Ballots	175.00
P Burtsell Stationary Mayors & C Insp[r] Office to 1 Inst	104.87
J M[c]Cormick Keep[r] Park 1 Mo to 3[d] Inst	46.50
Bridges & Poppleton Sund[y] Surveys & Maps	58.50
M Reed Well Pump Pell St	112.50
D[o] " " Pell St	83.30
J Gallagher " " Varrick St	60.00
J Graham Bal[c] due Drain Broad St	367.75
T & G Lovett " " regulas[g] Third St	140.00
Solomon Wheeler & others Assess[g] sund[y] St[s] to 1 Nov	382.00
C Mooney on Acct. pav[g] Cherry St	150.00
P Schermerhorn 1 Y[rs] Rent House F En[g] N[o] 16	75.00
J Hardman Work on Roads & pay[mt] sund[y] Exp[s]	269.51
O Waldron " "	224.21
J Slidell 1[st] pay[mt] Inclenburgh B[d] & Int	192.01
W[m] S Randall Bal[c] due Surv[s] adjusted by Ferry Com[te]	1000.00
Com[tee] Defence acc[t] Gun Boats	3000.00
R Furman Sup[dt] Alms House	5000.00
J Wallace D[o] Repairs	500.00
W[m] A Harden[b]rook, Widow J Taylor	90.00
	$17.251.80
Bal[c] in Treas[y]	$3381.80

[297] In Common Council Novr 15 1813.

Present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Mayor President

John Vanderbilt Jr Richard Cunningham John Morss George Buckmaster Peter H Wendover John Pell	Aldermen	John Nitchie Jos. Warren Brackett Augusts H Lawrence Thomas R Smith Josiah Hedden Asa Mann James Palmer	Assistants

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Memorial from Sundry Inhabitants remonstrating against the grant of the Brooklyn Ferry to Robt Fulton & William Cutting, so as that Boats shall start from Beekman Slip and praying that they may be restricted to start from the Fly Market Read and referred to the Ferry Committee

A Complaint of George Conlin against a Watchman named Fenton for improper conduct toward him was read and referred [293] to the Watch Committee.

A Petition from sundry Butchers that the upper end of the Fly Market may be enclosed with Boards to guard them against the inclemency of the approaching season was read and referred to the Market Comtee

A Petition of Abraham Devoe Junr for License to drive a cart he being a Minor was read and referred to the Mayor with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioner if in his opinion proper

A Petition of Israel Haviland to be appointed a Firewarden of the First Ward was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition of the Reverd William Phebus to be relieved from a personal Tax improperly assessed upon him he being a Minister of the Gospel and therefore exempt by law was read and referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of Daniel Lyon for License as a Butcher and for a Stall to be assigned [299] him, was referred to the Market Committee

The Council reported that the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment who were appointed by the Supreme Court (upon the application of the Common Council) to open & extend Leonard Street to orange Street have completed their estimate & assessment; and that the Report of the Commissioners was made to the Supreme Court at the late October term of the said Court and confirmed on the 29th

october last. In consequence of which the Corporation are now authorized to take possession of the land required for the purpose of extending Leonard Street as described in the said Report

The Council begs leave to add that the sums estimated and reported by the Commissioners in favor of the parties interested in the Lands & premises required for the said improvement amount to Two thousand seven hundred and eleven Dollars which sums are to be paid by the Common Council, within four calendar Months from the confirmation of the [300] said Report. And that the Assessment made by the said Commissioners upon the property benefitted by the said improvement amount to Five hundred and sixty Dollars and fifty cents, leaving a balance of two thousand one hundred and fifty Dollars and fifty Cents exclusive of the expenses of the proceedings. This balance and the Expenses are to be assessed by Assessors to be appointed by the Common Council upon such property in the vicinity of the improvement as may by the said Assessors be deemed to be benefitted thereby and which has not already been assessed by the said Commissioners, and as those Commissioners from their previous examination and reflection in the premises are more competent to make such Assessment than persons to whom the whole subject would be new the Council suggests to the Board the propriety of appointing them to be the assessors for the purpose aforesaid

all which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) D S Jones

Which was approved and it was referred to the Street Commissioner to take the [301] necessary steps for opening the said Street And Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector to collect the Sum assessed by the Commissioners for benefits. And those Commissioners viz[t] Leonard Fisher William Whitlock & Solomon Wheeler were appointed assessors for the purpose mentioned in said Report. And the Council of the Board was desired to report an Ordinance for their appointment.

The Council reported, that an action of ejectment on behalf of the Corporation was lately commenced against the property in Chatham Street heretofore leased to Mary Hazen, in consequence of the non payment of the rent reserved in the Lease—and that a Judgment was obtained in the said action in favor of the plaintiffs at the late October Term of the Supreme Court. A writ of possession being now about to be issued it becomes expedient that the Board should appoint an Attorney to receive possession from the Sheriff and the Council accordingly herewith lays before the Board for execution a Letter of

Attorney constituting the Comptroller [302] as the Attorney for that purpose

Respectfully submitted
(Signed) D S Jones

which was approved and the power of Attorney directed to be executed.

The Comptroller on the Petition of Abraham Legget praying for water Grant in front of his Lot in Water Street. reported in favor of granting to Petitioner which was approved and the grant directed to be issued on the usual terms

The Committee on the Petition of Abner Curtis reported. That they have investigated the accounts and are of opinion the petitioner is entitled under all existing circumstances to receive from the Corporation the sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars as a compensation in full of all demands

Signed John Vanderbilt Jr
G Buckmaster
James Palmer

Which was approved and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant for payment of the same.

[303] Alderⁿ Douglass & Alderⁿ Morss from the Committee on the Fire Department to whom had been referred the Resolutions of the Firemen and Engineers relative to a uniformity of Fire Caps. Reported that in their opinion a uniformity therein was necessary and they reported a Law relative thereto which was referred to the Council for revision

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for paving Gouverneur Street from Cherry Street to Water Street which was passed & Stephen Kingsland, Solomon Wheeler & Peter F Cisco were appointed Assessors

He also presented an Assessment for a Well in Varrick Street between Laight and Vestry Street which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector.

The subject of appointing Inspectors to hold an Election on the 28th Decr next agreably to a Proclamation of the Governor for the purpose of electing a Person in the 2d Congressional District to supply a vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Honl Egbert Benson. was referred to the Council

[304] A Resignation of Robert Dodge Inspector of the Charter

Election for the 4th Ward was received and accepted, and Samuel Cowdry was appointed in his place

The Clerk of the Common Council was directed to purchase for the use of the Inspectors of the Charter election, Copies of the Laws of the State relative to the City of New York

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engs Compy No 1

James Journeay, Carpenr, 10 Cedar St, 2d Wd,
vice, Rob Nesbit, resd

Hook & Ladder No 4

Gilbert Lewis, Innkeeper, 30 Bowy Lane 6 Wd
vice Muson Seely Do

Fire Engn Compy No 11.

Benjn N Brown, Clerk, 8 Coenties Slip, 1 Wd,
vice John T Halstead Do
F T Laquier, Sadler, 111 Pearl St 1 Wd " Wm Brown Do

F E C No 15.

John Heyer, Carpenter, 85 Division St 7 Wd
vice Wm S Leaycraft Do

F E C No 13

Saml W Coats, Merchr, 174 Water St 2d Wd vice John Slover Decsd

F E C No 17

Peter Noe, Shipwright, No 1 Pike St 7th Wd vice Jas Van Dyne resgd

[305] F E C No 35.

James Kenyon, Farmer, Harlaem Village Vice Wm Brady resgd

F E C No 41

George Klots, Grocer, Mangin St 10th Wd vice Jno Grant removd
Gerard Edwin, Carpenter, Scammel St 7 Wd vice Wm Honsby Do

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$19241.91
Warrants not Presented	$3971.46
	15271.45

Whereupon warrants were ordered to [be] issued for payment of the following accounts

J Hays. high Constle 1 Qr Salry to 5 Inst	200.00
A Rook Keeper Signal Poles do " 1 "	82.50
J Lufborrow regulag Clock Rutgers St 6 Mo	33.33
C Mooney Acct pavg Arundle St	400.00
R Moran " Cherry St	150.00
A Smith balc due filg Washington St at Canal St Basin	486.90
R Moran Acct pavg Bd Way	200.00
J Richardson cleang Wells	23.18
Wm Stratton reprs to pumps	31.50
R Furman Treasr New Alms House	5000.00
J McComb " " City Hall	1000.00
S North Donation. agreably to Rep Comtee on his Petn	75.00
W Fish City Treasr Salry 1 Year 3 Mo to 14 Nov	625.00
	$8307.41
Balance in the Treasury	$6964.04

[306] In Common Council Novr 22d 1813

present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John Vanderbilt Junr	John Nitchie
Charles Dickenson	J Warren Brackett
John Morss	Augustine H Lawrence
Isaac S Douglass	Elisha W King
George Buckmaster	Josiah Hedden
Peter H Wendover	Asa Mann
Nicholas Fish	Wm J Waldron
John Pell	Wm A Hardenbrook
	James Palmer

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

Petitions were received from John Chapel Jeremiah Kilpatrick, Andrew Hutton George Limbert & Michael Hillman for Stalls in Washington Market & were referred to the Market Committee

A Communication was received from Jonas Humbert recommending abolishing [307] the assize on Bread or making a greater allowance to the Bakers, which was referred to a former Committee appointed on a Memorial from the Bakers viz Aldern Dickenson. W. Fish & Morss.

A Petition was received from William Mooney stating that it was necessary that a Lease which he held for a Lot in Augustus Street

part of which had been taken to open Chamber Street should be cancelled and a new Lease executed to him, he prayed that might be done and that a small triangular piece of ground adjoining said Lot might be included in the lease to him. Ordered that it be referred to the Comptroller & Council with authority to comply with the prayer of the petition

A Petition of Theophilus Marselis to be appointed Assistant City Inspector was read and referred to Mr Lawrence Mr Mann Mr Nitchie

A Petition of Thomas Shaw for remission of fine incurred by his Hackney driver [308] demanding higher fare from a passenger than allowed by the ordinance—the same having been demanded under a mistaken impression of the Law was read and the Fine remitted on payment of the costs of suit in Court

A Letter was received from Messrs Gould Banks & Gould stating that they were concerned in the edition of the revised Laws of the State now printing and possessed of the exclusive right of vending the same in this City—and requesting the Common Council to state the number they would take. Ordered to be referred to the Committee on laws with authority to contract for such number of copies as they should judge would be necessary.

The Street Commissioner presented a Report from the Assessors for the drain in Broad Street by which it appeared they had made no alteration in their former Assessment—Whereupon Resolved that the same be not confirmed.

An Ordinance for assessing the Expense of a Drain on the Easterly side of Broad Street from Beaver Street to the Common Sewer [309] in Pearl Street was then passed and Ezekiel Bishop, Thomas Taylor and James Hopson were appointed Assessors

He also presented a Return of delinquents on ordinances for Wells, in Spring, Pell & Pump Streets, and an ordinance for a Bulkhead at the foot of Broome Street and Warrants were ordered to be issued for collection of the same.

The Street Commissioner presented assessments for repaving Partition Street from Greenwich Street to the Wharf which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each

The Council agreably to the order of the Board of the 15th Inst reported an Ordinance for opening Leonard St which was passed

The Council also presented an ordinance to regulate the Caps of Firemen which was passed and 100 copies were ordered to be printed

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Floating Engine

John Williams, Rigger, 36 Henry St, 7 Wd, vice John R Thomas expeld

Wm Smith Clothier, 316 Water St 4th Wd vice Philip Lockwood resgd

Fire Engn Compy No 2.

Joseph Cumbo, Carpenter, 44 Elisath St 6 Wd vice Othnial Beebee enlisted

F E C No 9.

Jacob Haff, Tallow Chandler, 19. Nassau St 3 Wd
vice Jno Johnson resgd

F E C No 14

Wm Westevelt, Mercht. 209. Greenwich St 3 Wd
vice Nichs Rocheron Do

F E C No 22.

Simeon Price, Smith, Orchard St 10th Wd
vice Hezekiah Bennet Resgd

F E C No 41

Saml Parker, Cartman, Division St 7th Wd,
vice Augustus Craft Do

The Committee on Police to whom was referred the Memorial of Danl Connor reported, That in their opinion, it is inexpedient for this Board to make any such compensation; and that it would be unadvisable, from the danger that such act might be drawn into a precedent.

The Committee however, are impressed with a high sense of the activity of Mr Connor in relation to the subject of his application and for their further opinion, they beg leave to refer to a report on the same subject heretofore made by them to this Board; [311] and which they then considered as expressing their deliberate and final opinion, as to any further steps to be taken in respect to it

(Signed.) J Warren Brackett
E W King
J Hedden
James Palmer

Which was approved.

Ordered that the case of the Revrd M Thatcher who had been assessed for personal Tax be referred to the Comptroller

The Finance Committee on the Petition of B Ferris and others, reported

That the Plan proposed by the Petitioners for securing the rent on Lots granted to them is safe as it regards the Corporation & of importance to the applicants they therefore recommend that the same be granted. They further recommend that in consideration of the facts set forth in the said petition the rent on said Lots shall commence on the 1st day of May next

(Sigd) A H Lawrence
J Nitchie
James Palmer
} Comtee Finance
Thos R Mercein Compr

[312] which Report was approved.

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on laws to consider how far the Members of the Common Council are subject to Militia duty and if liable to consider & report what remedy can therefore be provided

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to to make the usual arrangements for celebrating the 25th Inst being the anniversary of the evacuation of this City by the British Troops at the Close of the Revolutionary war

The committee were Alderm Douglass Mr Hedden Mr Waldron & the City Inspector

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$9453.67
Warrants not presented	100.00
	$9353.67

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts

Hays & Bogert City Watch	694.75
Farrington & White "	621.25
Holden & Lawrence "	474.25
[313] Hedden & Angevine Watch	339.00
J Lockwood reprs to 80 Watchmens Caps by order of Watch Comtee	40.50
B Skaats & Deputs 1 Qr Salry to 24 Nov & contgt Expens	288.75
J A Hardenbrook Candles for C Hall	47.10
T Hazard & 2 asstS 1 Qr Salry to 18 Nov	512.50
The Compr to pay Insprs & Clerks charter Elecn	260.00
Lewis & Hall Subsn to Coml Adverr & Advertising	70.00
W Freeman regulas Sts surveys & other services	120.99
R Moran Acct regulas & pavs Bd Way	100.00
Do " Do arundle St	100.00

S Stilwell & others Assessing Bd St	15.00
C Oneil cleaning Wells	17.12
Wm S Castle new Pumps & reprs to old ones to Nov	237.36
F Franklin Chf Engr 1 Qr Salry to 18 Nov	200.00
R Furman Treasr Washington Market	3000.00
Jas Wallace Supdt Reprs	500.00
	$7638.57
Balance	$1715.10

[314] In Common Council Novr 29th 1813.

Present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	John Nitchie
John Vanderbilt Jr	J Warren Brackett
Charles Dickenson	Augustn H Lawrence
Richard Cunningham	Elisha W King
John Morss.	Thomas R Smith
George Buckmaster	Josiah Hedden
Peter H Wendover	Asa Mann
Nicholas Fish	Wm J Waldron
John Pell.	Wm A Hardenbrook
	James Palmer

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A certificate from John W Mulligan Clerk of the City and County was received certifying that at the late Charter Election the following Officers were chosen to the offices opposite to their respective names Viz

[315] 1st Ward

Peter Mesier	for	Alderman
John Nitchie	"	Assistant
John Turner, Thomas Bolton	"	Assessors
Daniel J Ebbets	"	Collector
Robert Graham, Zephaniah Brown	"	Constables

2d Ward

Jonas Mapes	"	Alderman
Joseph Warren Brackett	"	Assistant
Israel Horsfield, Thomas J Townsend	"	Assessors
John Bloodgood	"	Collector
Jacob Bedell, Asa Eastwood	"	Constables

3d Ward

Charles Dickenson	for	Alderman
Augustine H Lawrence	"	Assistant
Anthony L Underhill, Harmanus Tallman	"	Assessors
Francis V Many	"	Collector
Joshua Green, John B Fiquet	"	Constables

[316] 4th Ward

Peter McCartee	"	Alderman
Elisha W King	"	Assistant
Peter Bonnett, Eldad Holmes	"	Assessors
Adolph Holmes	"	Collector
Jacob Morrison, John Risley	"	Constables

5th Ward		
Thomas R Smith	for	Aldermen
Gideon Tucker	"	Assistant
Leonard Warner, Richard Risley	"	Assessors
William Berrian	"	Collector
Charles E Kelly, John Striker Junr	"	Constables

6th Ward		
Jonathan Lawrence	"	Alderman
Mott Cannon	"	Assistant
Henry Ackerman, Leonard Seaman	"	Assessors
Thomas Mooney	"	Collector
Thomas Cornell, John McManus	"	Constables

[317] 7th Ward

George Buckmaster	"	Alderman
Asa Mann	"	Assistant
Aspinwall Cornwall, Benjamin Prince	"	Assessors
Morris Oakley	"	Collector
Azel Conklin, John McKibbin	"	Constables

8th Ward		
Peter H Wendover	for	Alderman
Arthur Burtis	"	Assistant
Jonathan Pinkney, Isaac Emmons	"	Assessors
Andrew Hegeman	"	Collector
Moses Cunningham, John Pulis	"	Constables

9th Ward		
Nicholas Fish	"	Alderman
William A Hardenbrook		Assistant
William Holmes, John Y Van Tuyl	"	Assessors
Jacob Horn		Collector
Daniel Stewart, Reuben Ryder	"	Constables

[318] 10th Ward

Reuben Munson	"	Alderman
Noah Brown	"	Assistant
John Hunt Junr, Thomas Cooper.	"	Assessors
John Palmer	"	Collector
Henry G Disbrow, Nathaniel Nott Junr	"	Constables

Dated the 27th day of November 1813

(Signed) John W Mulligan

Whereupon Ordered that the Clerk of the Common Council give notice to the persons so elected to attend at the Common Council chamber on Monday the 6th Decr next at 12 OClock to take the oaths of Office prescribed by law

A Petition of Charles Smith for payment of Rent due for Wharf used by the Steam Boat at Courtlandt Slip, was read and referred to the Comptroller.

A Letter from John Pintard Esqr Secty of the Historical Society for the use of a room for the purpose of delivering their Anniversary Oration and requesting the attendance of the Common Council, was read and the request granted.

[319] A Petition of Philetus Snedecker for permission to sell poultry &c by Commission in the Market was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of John Brown for appointment as Assistant City Inspector, was read & referred to the Committee on the petition of Theophilus Marselis, Viz Messrs Lawrence Mann Nitchie

A Request of W^m Welling, former Member of the Board to be furnished with a City Map agreably to a former Resolution of the Board, was read and ordered that a Map be furnished to M^r Welling and other former Members similarly situated to M^r Welling.

A Request of Jamison Cox to be excused from serving as Inspector of Election for a Member of Congress on 28^th Dec^r was read & his request negatived.

The Comptroller & Council on the request of W^m Mooney reported, that the facts [320] therein stated are true, the request reasonable and he therefore recommends that the same be granted and the lease for the Triangular piece of ground be included in the one intended to be granted to said William Mooney

(Signed) Tho^s R Mercein Comp^r

Which was approved.

The Committee on the Petition of Aaron Ogden for permission to erect a house for the accomodation of the Ferry from Elizabeth Town to Marketfield Street. Reported in favor of petitioner provided the house be erected under the direction of the St Com^sr

Whch was approved.

The Committee on the Petition of the purchasors of Hamilton Square Lots presented a report the consideration of which was postponed, until Friday next when it was made the order of the day.

The Market Committee on the petition of sundry Butchers reported that in their opinion the uncomfortable situation of the petitioners stalls in the Winter season is such as makes it necessary some shelter [321] should be provided, and therefore recommends that the Superintendant of Repafrs be directed forthwith to provide for the Petitioners such shelter as the Market Committee may direct

all which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Peter Mesier
John Pell
P H Wendover
A H Lawrence
J Hedden

Which was approved

The Market Committee on the Petitions of Jacob Odell. Joseph D Palmer & John Hutton reported that in their opinion Stalls in the Washington Market which should be at present vacant should be assigned to them and on the Petitions of Martin Hill & Daniel Lyon,

they reported that Stall N° 28 in Fly Market (if vacant) shoulde be assigned to M^r^ Hill & Stall N° 25 in same Market to M^r^ Lyon

which several reports were approved

The Market Committee on an account presented by Alderman Wendover for monies [322] received for and expended in the erection of Greenwich Market, Reported that they had examined the same and recommended that a Warrant issue in favor of Alder^n^ Wendover for $46.18/100 being the balance due him

Which was approved.

The Market Committee presented the following Resolution

Resolved that the License of M^r^ Harriot as a Butcher in Washington Market be suspended

(Sig^d^) Peter Mesier
J Hedden
John Pell
P H Wendover

Which was agreed to.

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the Remonstrance against the Steam Ferry Boat running from Burling Slip reported That they have deliberately considered the reasons urged by the petitioners, but cannot perceive, that the public or even the Petitioners themselves would be benefitted by establishing the Steam Boat Ferry at Fly Market Slip; The transportation of Carriages is one of the principal object[s] [323] of this Ferry, and the narrowness of the Streets in the vicinity of the Market and constant crowd of passengers, present to the minds of your committee, insuperable objections, to placing the Ferry there. The loss of business, which the petitioners might otherwise sustain, by the *the* removal of the Ferry, will be fully made up, by the introduction of trading Vessels, into Fly Market slip. But on the other hand, to accomodate persons coming to the Market, with country produce it is very desirable to have it landed as near to the Fly market as conveniently can be; with this view they have conferred with the Lessees of the Ferry, who readily consent to any alteration, in that respect that might be deemed advisable by the Common Council. Your Committee are of opinion that the public convenience will be best promoted by establishing the Ferry at Burling Slip, which is sufficiently capacious to accomodate both the Ferry Boats and the Sound Steam Boat, and they therefore recommend that instead of starting the Ferry Boats from the Fly market, and Beekman Slips, as [324] stipulated in the lease, the whole establishment on the New York side,

be concentrated at Burling Slip and that the lease of the said Ferry, be altered in conformity with this Report

all which is respectfully submitted

Signed E W King
A H Lawrence
Jn° Vanderbilt Jr

Which was approved and the Council was directed to prepare a lease correspondent with the said Report and the former Resolution of the Board.

The Chief Engineer presented the following Report proposing an amendment to the law establishing a uniformity in the Caps of Firemen which was agreed to & the law directed to be amended accordingly

[325] Upon the suggestion of the Committee on the Fire Department. Resolved that ten additional men be added to Fire Engine Company N° 33.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies viz

F E C N° 1. Hose Company

George Schmelzel, Mercht, Chatham St 6 Wd George Shaffer Mercht Maidn Lane 2 Wd John Ackerman Carpenter Provost 5 Wd addl Men

F E C N° 2 Hook & Ladder

Chas Rolinson, Engravr, 28 John St 2d Wd
vice George Mitchell Decd

Edward Higgins, Painter, 28 Beekman St, 2d Wd
vice Thadeus Freeler Do

Joseph Carman, Carpenter, Orange St 6th Wd
vice Eben Whitney resgd

F E C N° 11.

Nathaniel Hillyer, Grocer, 4 South St, 1 Wd
Vice John Vn Nostrand Do

F E C N° 16

James Clark, Clothier 105 Maidn Lane 2d Wd
vice John Vache Do

F E C N° 23

Elisha Haight, Shoemaker, 120 Chatham St 6 Wd Vice J B Fowler gone in country

F E C N° 25

John Barton, Merch^{t}, 24 Pine S^{t} 2^{d} W^{d}, Vice Joseph Dodge resg^{d}

Robert Brown, Leather Dresser, 4 Vanderwater S^{t}, 4 W^{d}, Vice Joseph Tremain Declined

John Corgan, Grocer, Catharine S^{t}, 7 W^{d} Vice Job Griffin res^{gd}

Ab^{m} A Maybee, Master Mason, 34 Church, 3 W^{d},
Vice Stephen Cornel Dead

Henry Paul, Engineer, Man^{ht} W Works, 6 W^{d},
Vice William Moore D°

[326] F E C N° 30.

Andrew Smock, Butcher, Elizabeth St 6 W^{d} vice W^{m} Sherwood enlisted

Phillip Romain, D°, Bowery Lane, 10 W^{d} vice George Pittman res^{gd}

F E C N° 36

Abraham Vandervort, Carpenter, Spring St, 8th W^{d}, Vice Dav^{d} Haring Deceas^{d}

F E. C N° 37.

John Scott, Butcher, 3^{d} Street, 10th W^{d} vice Andrew Pearsall res^{d}

F E C N° 40

Hicks Van Nostrand, Cartman, Mott St 8th W^{d},
Vice And^{w} Jackson D°

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$6,632.01
Warrants not presented	$691.49
	$5.940.62

Whereupon Warrents were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

J Hays & others extra services in Police office as certified by Special Justices to Nov 26	334.37
Christian Schultz Spec^{l} Justice 1 Q^{r} Sal^{ry} to 26 Nov	250.00
Jameson Cox " " " "	250.00
Josiah Hedden " " " "	250.00
B Oblenis Clerk Police Office " "	250.00
R Stephens Ass^{t} " " " "	125.00
J Burjeau 1st Marshal to pay Officers Atteng Polls	88.00
B Hicks Ass^{t} City Insp^{r} Sal^{ry} for Nov^{r}	60.00
C E Duncan S^{t} " " "	52.00
A B Holmes " " "	52.00
[327] M Ackerman Keeper Potters Field Sal^{ry} for Nov^{r}	45.00

M Reid 1st Instlmt Well & Pump Oak St	178.25
E Boggs " " " " Greenwich St	50.83
M Banks Blacksmiths Work for Pumps	14.12
H Brush repairs to Do	49.50
T & G Lovett Balc regulating Arundle St	145.00
R Moran Acct of pavg Do	200.00
Do " " Broadway	200.00
C Mooney " " Cherry St	300.00
J Haviland Hoes reprs to Hoes for 6 Mos to Nov 24	812.65
J Hardie Asst City Inspr Novr	62.50
S Green St Inspr "	52.00
J Richardson cleaning Wells &c &c	18.37
D S Jones to pay Harrison & Wells for Brooklyn Suits	100.00
Wm A Hardenbrook for reprs to fences enclosing the Inclenburgh grounds	83.05
J W Brackett for Police Committee secret service Money	100.00
D W Crocker Dinner Nov 25 1813	358.71
	$4.483.35
Balance	$1457.27

[328] In Common Council Decr 3d 1813

present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Peter Mesier John Vanderbilt Jr Charles Dickenson Richard Cunningham John Morss Isaac S Douglass George Buckmaster Peter H Wendover	Aldermen	John Nitchie J Warren Brackett Augusn H Lawrence Elisha W King Thos R Smith Josiah Hedden Asa Mann Wm J Waldron Wm A Hardenbrook	Assistants

The Board met agreably to adjournment

The Council presented the following communication—The Council of the Corporation herewith presents for execution the lease to Messrs Cutting & Fulton of the Ferry from this city to Brooklyn; which embraces the provisions of the former lease to those Gentlemen, and the alterations made therein by the articles of agreement of the 14th June last, and the Report of the [329] Ferry Committee which was addopted at the last Meeting of the Board.

The Council submits to the Board that this lease be executed as an Escrow to be delivered to the Lessees upon their execution of the

counterpart and delivering up the former lease and the above mentioned articles of agreement to be cancelled

(Signed) D S Jones

Which was read and the Lease directed to be duly executed agreably thereto.

A Memorial was received from certain Inhabitants of Burling Slip remonstrating against filling in said Slip, which was read.

A Letter from his Honor the Mayor to Com^{r} Perry on the subject of the victory on Lake Erie and his answer thereto, were read as follows, & ordered to be inserted on the Minutes & published in the Gazettes.

Letter to Com^{r} Perry.

N York Oct^{r} 10th 1813

Sir

It is with peculiar pleasure that I transmit to you the enclosed *Resolutions of [330] the Common Council of this City expressive of their high sense of the glorious triumph of the American Squadron under your command—an event without parallel in the annals of our Country, which gives you distinguished rank among the celebrated Men that reflect lustre upon the American Name, and which has dispensed the blessings of security and tranquillity to a most important and extensive portion of the United States

I have the honor &

Com^{r} Perry. (Signed) DeWitt Clinton

Answer of Com^{r} Perry.

New Port Nov 29th 1813

Sir

The distinguished honor conferred on me by the Common Council of the City of New York in their approbation of my conduct on the 10th Sept^{r} calls forth the warmest sentiments of gratitude; to perform to the best of my ability the duty I owe to my country shall ever be my highest ambition. The request to sit for my Portrait "to be placed in the Gallery of Portraits of the Common Council" is too high an honor not to be readily complied with.

[331] I beg sir that you will accept my thanks for the very flattering manner in which you have communicated to me, the Resolutions of the Common Council of the City of New York.

Very respectfully I have the honor to be &^{c}

O H Perry

The Hon^{l} DeWitt Clinton

* Marginal note reads *vide page 243.*—Ed.

Ordered that Messrs Lawrence & King and Alderm Mesier be a Committee to carry into effect the former Resolutions of the Common Council on the subject of presents to Comers Decatur & Bainbridge & Capn Jones.

The Lamp Committee on the petition of Lamp lighters reported, That they have maturely considered the prayer of the petition and are of opinion it ought to be granted and therefore recommend that the lamp lighters be allowed an additional compensation of One farthing per day for each lamp during the times of lighting—to commence with and include the time for which they are not yet paid.

(Signed) R Cunningham
P H Wendover
Josiah Hedden

[332] Which was approved.

A Petition of Kimberly Brace & Co for remission of penalty said to be incurred by exporting Flour without inspecton; was read & leave given to Petitioners to withdraw their Petition

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well in Broom St near Broadway which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of the Purchasors of Hamilton Square Lots was agreably to the order of the day called up and was in the words following

That they have given the subject committed to them, that consideration which its novelty and importance seemed to merit. The circumstances of this case are contained in a Report of a former Committee on the same subject made on the 7th day of December 1812 and to which your Committee beg leave to refer, as forming the basis of this Report.

Your Committee have considered the subject in two points of view. First at to the legal rights of the petitioners, and secondly [333] as to the moral obligation of the Common Council to grant them relief, and to what extent. With respect to the first notwithstanding they have had the opinions of several eminent professional Gentlemen, yet as the case is entirely without a precedent your Committee have not been able to form a satisfactory opinion, nor do they think this case ought to be decided by any technical Rules of Law, for upon the second point they humbly conceive there is not the slightest reason to doubt but that the petitioners are equitably entitled to relief, and it only remains to say to what extent it ought to be granted. It appears to

your Committee inexpedient to repeat the application to the Legislature to restore to its original Form the Hamilton Square, as that is now the smallest of any of the public Squares, and besides from the length of time the application has been pending, it is fair to presume the Legislature themselves, deemed it inexpedient to diminish this Square and it moreover appears, to your Committee unjust to Keep the petitioners any longer in a state of suspense. The Property in question is so completely changed by the [334] Plan of the Commissioners that some of the Lots which were of the greatest value at the time of the sale are now of much less value than others, the Square originally designed for private use is now made public, The Lots are diminished nearly one half in extent, and the Owners in consequence of a Covenant in their Deeds, are prevented from building upon their Lots, but in such manner as will subject their improvements to a total forfeiture whenever the Common Council shall direct the Square to be opened, Under these circumstances of peculiar hardship and inconvenience of the Petitioners, your Committee perceive no mode of doing complete justice to them but by accepting a reconveyance of the Lots in question and returning them the purchase money with Interest thereon at Six per Cent from the time the same was respectively received together with the amount of Quit Rents actually paid by them since the Commissioners Map was filed, which your committee accordingly recommend to the Common Council to adopt

all which is respectfully submitted

Signed J Warren Brackett
A H Lawrence
E W King
Thomas R Smith

[335] A Report of a Committee presented to the Common Council on the 7th Decr 1812 on the same subject was also read in the words following.

The Committee on the petition of the Purchasors of Lots at Hamilton Square respectfully report that your Committee have had the facts relating to the subject to be particularly explained. The Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York having determined to lay out and dispose of certain of their lands lying in the Ninth Ward of the City of New York called the Dove Lots the subject was referred to a Committee to report a Plan for laying out and disposing of the same which Committee on the 30th March 1807 made the following Report on the subject which was on the same day confirmed by the

Common Council to Wit "The Committee who were appointed to "report a Plan for laying out and disposing of the Corporation lands "commonly called "the Duan Lots" having duly considered the sub- "ject and examined the several Plans submitted to this Board by "the Street Commissioner for laying out the same are of opinion that "a Public Square or open space should be left thro' the center [336] "of the Tract from East to West of two hundred and fifty feet to be "denominated Hamilton Square; That the same should be intersected "in the center by a public Street at right angles thereto and parallel "to the Boston & Harlaem Avenues, of sixty Feet and to be denomi- "nated Harlaem Avenue, that the remaining portion of the land should "be divided into twenty eight Lots of equal size; each Lot containing "Sixty two feet seven Inches front and rear by three hundred and "sixty five feet in length, all which is particularly delineated in a plan "or diagram hereunto annexed and to which the Committee beg leave "to refer

"Your Committee are further of opinion that the Lots thus laid out "should be sold at public auction to the highest bidder in fee simple "subject to an annual rent of reservation of twenty Bushels of Wheat "or the value thereof in lawful money for each and every Lot; the "sale to take place on the 8th day of April next at 12 OClock at the "Tontine Coffee House and subject to the following conditions, towit "That all the dwelling Houses to be erected on these Lots shall front "the Square: That they shall be built on a line twenty feet from the "line of the Street; and that for the term of twenty Years there shall "be not more than one dwelling [337] House on each Lot. Ten per "cent of the purchase money to be paid down, the residue in two "equal payments of three and six months and that the Title to be com- "pleated on the payment of the last Instalment. That the Street Com- "missioner cause public notice to be given of the time and place of "Sale and that he cause an accurate Map of the property to be made "on a large scale and suspended in some conspicuous part of the "public Room at the said Coffee house for four days at least prior "to the day of Sale

"all which is respectfully submitted"

The following order relative to the same subject passed the Board on the same 30th March 1807.

"Ordered that a reservation of 125 feet be taken from the rear of "Lots No 17 & 15 for a Church & Academy and 15 feet be also taken "from the rear of Lots No 15 to accommodate Lot No 17 with a cart "way from the Street"

The said ground being thus laid out according to the said plan, a Map or Plan thereof on a larger Scale was made and submitted to the inspection of those who might wish to purchase. The lots were sold at public auction under the direction [338] of the Common Council on the 15th April 1807 according to the said Map. Printed proposals or conditions of sale were also read by the Auctioneer to the bidders at the time of sale by which as well as by the said Map and the advertizements published in the different Newspapers of the day it was represented (among other things) that each of the Lots being twenty eight in number was 62 feet 7 Inches in width and all (except two) 365 feet in length; That a certain square laid down and designated on the said Map (and towards which all the said Lots pointed) should be " for the exclusive benefit of the Purchasors " and the avenues leading to it should " for ever remain as public Avenues and Streets." The said Square to be enclosed and improved by the purchasors at their common expense in such manner as they might from time to time think proper, but no building of any kind to be ever erected thereon—and that a certain (other) Square designated on the said Map for a Church & Academy should for ever be reserved for & appropriated for that purpose—one part whereof (that which was designated as being reserved for an Academy) had its only front [339] upon a certain Street called Hamilton Avenue, being 60 Feet in width, intersecting the principal square above mentioned and running at right angles therewith between the said Lots in such manner as to divide the same into Blocks of equal dimensions

The consideration money for the Lots was regularly paid and the deeds duly executed to the purchasors which deeds describe the Lots respectively according to the representations above mentioned and contain covenants conformable thereto; particularly a covenant that the said Street called Hamilton Avenue should forever thereafter be a public Street or Avenue and that the said Square should forever thereafter be and remain for the exclusive use and benefit of the Proprietors of the Lots; and also a covenant that the grantors had lawful authority to grant and release the said lots and premises in the manner in which they were granted in the said deed.

On the 3d of April 1807 an act of the Legislature was passed (upon the application of the Common Council) appointing certain persons Commissioners with full power to lay out certain parts of the City of New York [340] including the premises in question into Streets and Squares—By the 4th Section of that Act the Commissioners thereby appointed are invested with exclusive power to lay out Streets, roads

and public Squares in the said part of the City to which their appointment extended of such width extent, and direction as to them should seem most conducive to the public good and to shut up and direct to be shut up any street or part thereof which had been heretofore laid out and not accepted by the Common Council of the said city. The 9th Section of the act authorises the Common Council to open any of the Streets and Squares so to be laid out by the Commissioners whenever it shall be thought proper to open the same; but provides that just compensation shall be made for the ground that may be taken for the purpose, to the Owners thereof and prescribes the mode of settling the amount of such compensation so to be made: but declares that no compensation shall be made for any building erected on such Street or Square after the Maps of the Commissioners shall be filed according to the directions of the Act. The Commissioners [341] so appointed proceeded to execute the powers confided to them; and on the first day of April 1811. having completed their Maps filed the same according to the said act—on the said Map so filed by them, they laid down a space or square by the name of Hamilton Square at such place and in such manner as to include the above mentioned Square of that name; But they made the following alterations in the Plan before laid down and according to which the aforesaid purchases had been made, viz they enlarged the Square to such an extent as to make it four times larger than it was before (thus taking off nearly half of the extent of the Lots purchased as aforesaid) and they converted it into a public Square liable to be used and appropriated in any manner in which the public may think fit instead of being for the exclusive use and benefit of the proprietors of the Lots; They also took off and threw into an adjoining Street about Sixteen feet of Two of the said Lots, throughout the whole length; and they shut up and entirely abolished the aforesaid Street called Hamilton avenue, whereby they convert [342] four of the said lots which before were corner lots and paid for accordingly into Lots of no more than ordinary value or advantage and deprive not only the risidue of the said Lots of the benefit of such avenue but leave no front whatever to the Lot designated and reserved for an Academy as aforesaid—Besides the consideration money paid as aforesaid each of the said Lots is subject to a perpetual ground rent of Twenty Bushels of Wheat payable annually on the first day of May in each Year

And in addition to other covenants not necessary to be here stated, the Proprietors are bound by a covenant in their Deeds to build, if

at all, on a line at the distance of twenty Feet from the front of their Lots and not elsewhere

Under these circumstances the Proprietors have offered to reconvey the property to the Corporation and claim to be reimbursed the monies which they have paid and expended together with Interest thereon. and the question is whether or not upon making such conveyance they are entitled to be reimbursed and paid as claimed by them

The above statement will be seen to present [343] a case of extraordinary inconvenience & hardship to the Petitioners. They are purchasors for a full consideration, under the faith of the Title of this Corporation and with covenants on the part of the Mayor Aldermen & Commonalty of unusual extent and stipulating for the continuance of priviledges which are now made dependant upon the will of the Common Council—the Petitioners moreover are also bound by covenants which they are wholly disabled from possession, and continue liable for the payment of all rent for premises diminished to less than half their original value. When it is considered that the Petitioners can neither improve the property they purchased, nor compel the public to take the same and make them compensation therefor and when it is further considered that the private loss & expense to them is incurred for the public benefit and has been occasioned by the offers of the Common Council in applying for obtaining the passage of the Act under which y^{e} new arrangements of Hamilton Square & the Streets & avenues in its vicinity were made, the claim of the Petitioners to redress appears to your Committee too absolutely [344] clear to admit of a doubt.

The Committee however under the direction of the Board have taken council in the case & question as above stated and are advised that though the case is involved in difficulty & doubt, yet, considering the special & peculiar circumstances attending it—a court of equity would probably return the purchasors & decree the purchase money to be refunded with interest on a reconveyance of the Lots. the opinion of Council accompanies this report

Under that opinion and considering the strong claims of the Petitioners to relief. Your Committee are of opinion that policy and expediency as regards the public interests as well as justice to the Petitioners requires that the prayer of their Petition should be granted

or some satisfactory settlement made with them in the premises, and the Committee recommend that the same be done without delay

(Signed) S Jones Jr
Isaac S Douglass
Thos Carpenter

The opinion of John Wells Esqr of the case submitted to him & presented to the Common Council on the 7th Decr 1812 was also read in the [345] words following.

Opinion of John Wells Esqr

I have attentively considered the questions arrising on the foregoing case, & altho I have formed as deliberate an opinion on them as circumstances would allow me, yet I am sensible that it is by no means free from objections

The right of the purchasors to the equitable relief contemplated must, in one view of the subject depend upon the right of the Commissioners to alter the Plan of Hamilton Square & shut up Hamilton Avenue because if they had no such right then the alterations which have been made, being unauthorised, cannot affect the rights of the Purchasors under the Corporation, who would be entitled to enjoy their property according to the terms of their purchase, & could of course have no claim of any kind against, the Corporation. It becomes necessary then, in order to decide this point, to examine the words in the act of the Legislature which are restrictive of the powers of the Commissioners. With respect to laying out Squares & Streets their powers [346] are unrestricted, but with regard to shutting up Streets it is limited to those "laid out & not accepted by the Common Council" The enlargement of the Square which was first laid out by the Corporation is clearly therefore within the powers of the Commissioners, because in that respect their authority is unqualified. They could likewise shut up Hamilton avenue if that comes within the discription of a Street laid out and not accepted by the Corporation, which I think it does, because the street at the time it was laid out belonging to the Corporation who could in no just sence of the word be considered as having accepted of what was already their own. But in many cases individuals had laid out Streets thro' their own grounds, which in some instances had been ceded to the Corporation & accepted by them, in others not accepted

The Streets which had been thus laid out and not accepted the Commissioners had full power to shut up. Now as Hamilton Avenue tho' laid out as a street had not been accepted by the Corporation in-

asmuch as no cession could be made to them of their own property it follows that the [347] Commissioners, had a right to shut it up as well as to enlarge the Square.

The Commissioners having then rightfully exercised their power in both instances, the question arises, whether a Court of Equity would relieve the purchasors in the manner stated in the case Altho' I do not know of any authorities precisely applicable to a case of this kind, & altho' I am aware that it is not that of a contract or agreement still to be executed, but of one consummated on both sides, I think it presents a pretty strong claim to the favorable interposition of a court of equity. The alterations made by the Commissioners in the plan of the property in question, according to which the Corporation sold it are obviously such as materially to diminish its value, besides depriving its proprietors of certain advantages or privileges to which a greater or lesser degree of importance would be attached according to their different tastes and the manner in which they might wish to use it.

Now the law under which the Commissioners acted was passed on the application [348] of the Corporation, who thereby became parties as it were to the subsequent acts of the Commissioners & may therefore be considered as having been themselves the cause of the consequences produced by the alterations as above stated in direct violation of the very terms upon which the purchasors were probably induced to become such. It may I know be said that the purchasors have full covenants under which they may have redress against the Corporation at law; but it must be remembered that those covenants can not be enforced till they are broken, which they would not be till the Commissioner's plan comes to be acted upon, and that all improvement of the property or at least of a great part of it is thus indefinitely postponed. But if the covenants could be even immediately enforced, that would be no answer to the jurisdiction of a Court of equity, because in the cases of bills for specific performance the party has a remedy at law under his contract; and yet the Court notwithstanding entertains the suit because the remedy at law will not give him the land which was the object of the contract: So here tho' the [349] purchasors would be entitled under their covenants to recover damages for a breach of them, yet they do not thereby obtain the enjoyment of the land with the privileges annexed to it, which were the objects of their purchase and for the want of which no damages might be a compensation. Indeed there are a variety of complicated circumstances in this

case which would render it very difficult if not impossible for the purchasors to obtain an adequate remedy at law

The contraction of the Lotts the impossibility of applying the ground reserved for an Academy to that use, the converting of the Square as altered to the public use, the shutting up of Hamilton Avenue, the ground rent reserved which is payable on the entire Lotts as conveyed tho' nearly half of each is thrown into the Square, the dificulty about improvements, as well under the covenants as to the place & manner of building as from the uncertainty when the Commissioners Plan will be acted upon and the consequent obstacles to improvement in the mean time, present strong considerations for the interference of a Court of equity by [350] rescinding the conveyances rather than leaving the Purchasors to their remedy at law on their covenants. Under the particular circumstances of this case & considering that the situation in which the purchasors are placed as indirectly produced by the Corporation itself. I am on the whole inclined to think that a Court of Equity would feel a strong disposition to exercise its powers in behalf of the Purchasors by granting them the relief contemplated in the case. at the same time I wish to be understood as confirming this opinion to the precise case before me and as one in which tho' not hastily formed I have by no means the most perfect confidence

N York 7th Decr 1812 (Signed) John Wells

The opinion of Mr Harrison and Mr Hawes on the above case submitted to them presented to the Common Council on the 11 Jany 1813 was also read in the words following.

Opinion &c

We have considered the case relative to the purchase of Hamilton Square, with the attention due to its novelty & importance

Difficulties unquestionably present [351] themselves in every view of the subject; and we cannot pretend to have formed an opinion upon which the Corporation ought to rely as clear and decisive.

The act of the Legislature appointing the Commissioners having been passed on the 3d of April 1807 and they having power by the 4th Section to shut up any Streets or parts thereof (North of certain specified Boundaries) which had been theretofore laid out and not accepted by the Common Council; and it being also enacted that the Squares or Plots of ground to be laid out by the Commissioners should not be or remain divided by any public or open Street, we are of opinion that unless Hamilton Avenue, and the Streets adjacent to

the Square were established before the passing of the act, the Commissioners were authorised to make such alterations respecting them as are designated upon their Maps.

If however the Streets and Avenue above mentioned were in fact laid out and established before the passing of the act, we are inclined to think that the powers of the Commissioners did not extend [352] to them. It is evident that such Streets as had been laid out by individuals, and accepted by the Corporation, were not subject to the will of the Commissioners—They might only shut up such as had been laid out and not accepted. Those Streets which had been accepted, were to remain because they had been sanctioned by the Common Council, and on that account only. We can see no reason why this Class of Streets should be held sacred, and another class equally sanctioned by the Common Council & contracted for with Individuals, left to the mercy of the Commissioners.

Probably neither the Corporation nor the Legislature had any such distinction in view; and we are disposed to think that any construction of the act founded upon such distinction would be contrary to its true sence and spirit.

Should we, however, be mistaken upon this point we are by no means satisfied that the Court of Chancery could set aside the conveyances that have been executed, and decree a restoration of the purchase money—An unforseen and material change of circumstances might [353] perhaps have furnished grounds against a specific Execution of a mere bargain.

But where it has been consummated, without, *without* the imputation of fraud or misrepresentation in the Grantors, we think that it would not be rescinded, but the Grantees be left to the effects of their covenants in a court of Law.

Even upon the latter subject we are in opinion against the liability of the Corporation. Every Covenant and Warranty. however general, must admit of certain implied exceptions. Among these in our opinion, must be the acts of the Legislature modifying or taking away the property for public purposes. In such cases all private property must be surrenderred and the Owner has his equitable claim upon the community for a full and adequate compensation; but no redress as against the original Grantor. In the case now in question the amount of such compensation is to be assessed by persons who would take all circumstances into account, and if the quantity of land left to the purchasors is diminished, the rent we think would be apportioned [354] accordingly.

We do not think that the case will be materially affected by the fact, that the Corporation had applied for the act appointing the Commissioners. The Members of the Corporation were public Trustees in respect to Streets and bound to pursue such measures as would conduce to the public advantage.

The[y] could have no private views relating to the Squares. They proceeded openly, &c upon the principle, that a discretion confided to them by the Government, which they could not conveniently and fitly exercise, should be transferred to others. The Purchasors must in contemplation of law, be deemed to have been apprised of the Act; and they have placed themselves precisely in the situation of other land holders.

Even if the act had not passed, and if the Corporation had made an Ordinance for altering Hamilton Square with its Avenue & the Streets adjacent (which is the strongest supposition that we can imagine) we should think that the only remedy of the Purchasors would be by an assessment according to the laws in being.

[355] Still it must after all be confessed that this is a hard case as it affects the Purchasors; and our opinion is by no means one that we can offer with confidence particularly as we differ from a Gentleman for whose talents and candour we have the highest respect.

The Corporation may perhaps have the power, and will no doubt make every exertion, to place the Purchasors in the Situation originally contemplated. If this should be impracticable, it will then be necessary to determine upon the propriety of an amicable adjustment by mutual agreement, or by submitting to reference the legal and equitable Questions that arise in this novel and extraordinary Case

N York 11 Janʸ 1813
Richard Harrison
Peter Hawes.

The Question being then taken on agreeing to the report of the Committee and a Division having been called it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative

The Recorder, Aldeⁿ Vanderbilt. Dickenson Cunningham. Douglass. Messʳˢ Brackett [356] Lawrence King. Hedden. Waldron

Negative

Aldermen Mesier, Morss. Buckmaster Wendover. Messʳˢ Nitchie [Mann]

Mʳ Mann gave notice that he would move for a reconsideration at the next meeting.

[357] In Common Council Dec^{r} 6th 1813.

present The Hon^{bl} De Witt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq^{r} Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
John Vanderbilt J^{r}		Jos Warren Brackett	
Charles Dickenson		Augus^{n} H Lawrence	
Richard Cunningham		Elisha W King	
John Morss		Thomas R Smith	
Isaac S Douglass		Josiah Hedden	
George Buckmaster		Asa Mann	
Peter H Wendover		W^{m} J Waldron	
Nicholas Fish		W^{m} A Hardenbrook	
John Pell		James Palmer	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

On Motion of M^{r} Lawrence the suspension of John Hariot as a Butcher was taken off he having made a satisfactory explanation and apologised to the Market Committee

The Council presented the following. viz Grants for water Lots to Benjamin Ferris [358] William Orr & Henry Rankin respectively

These Deeds have been drawn in pursuance of instructions received from the Comptroller and conformably to the Report of the Finance Committee & Comptroller which was adopted by the Board on the 22^{d} Ult^{o}

As the Counterparts of the Grants have not been executed by the Grantees the Council submits to the Board that these Grants be executed and delivered to him as Escrows to be held until the execution of the counterparts

respectfully submitted
(Signed) D S Jones.

Which was approved and the Grants were ordered to be executed agreably to said report

A Petition of Andrew Wallace in behalf of the Owners of Ship Ontario praying remission of fine incurred by said ship by laying in a public slip contrary to the Ordinance in that case made and provided. Ordered that the Attorney suspend all proceedings in the Suit on the removal of the Vessel & payment of Costs.

A Petition of W^{m} Thatcher praying relief from a Tax laid and assessed upon him contrary [359] to Law he being a regular Minister of the Gospel and therefore not liable to a personal Tax

Ordered to be referred to the Comptroller

A further petition of Kimberly Brace & C° praying remission of penalty said to be incurred by exporting flour without being inspected Ordered to be referred to the Committee on Laws.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engr certifying the vacancies

Hook & Ladder Compy N° 4

Thos Griffin, Carpenter, 66 Bayard St, 6 Wd, vice Wm Freeman, removd from City

F E Compy N° 12.

John Teller, Hatter, Pearl St, 4th Wd, Vice Danl Dadds gone to sea

F E Compy N° 20

Wm Butler, Blacksmith, 25 Rector St, 1 Wd, vice, Thos Rich, resgd

F E Compy N° 33.

Barnes Hatfield, Grocer, Grand St, 10th Wd, vice, John H Cornell D°

John A Robb, Ship Carpenr, Cherry St, 7th Wd
Louis DeConder, Brass Foundr D° D°
Wearte Bonte, Baker, Scammel St, D°
} additional men

F E Compy N° 34

Jacob Blauvelt, Carpenter, Hammond St, 6th Wd vice Davd Van orden remvd

Resolved that the Comptroller under [360] direction of the Finance Committee be authorised to borrow a sum not exceeding $50.000 to replace the sum of $30000 expended in pay & maintenance of the Gun Boats and the sum of $20000 paid towards the purchase of the Government House

Mr Mann agreably to notice given, moved, that the Board reconsider the vote given at the last Meeting on the report of the Committee upon the Petition of the purchasors of the Hamilton square Lots. On the question of agreing to a reconsideration a Division having been called the Members voted as follows

Affirmative

Aldern Morss, Buckmaster, Wendover, Fish, Pell, Messrs Nitchie, Lawrence, Smith, Mann, Hardenbrook, Palmer 10.

Negative

The Recorder Aldern Vanderbilt Dickenson, Cunningham, Douglass, Pell, Messrs Brackett, King, Hedden, Waldron 10

The votes being equal, the Mayor gave his casting vote in the affirmative. The question being then considered Mr Lawrence pro-

posed the following Resolution modifying the report of the Committee. viz. Resolved that a [361] Reconveyance of the land be accepted by the Common Council from the Purchasors of Hamilton Square Lots and that the purchase money paid by them be returned to them together with Interest at the rate of Six per cent per Annum thereon from the time of the filing of the Commissioners Map (1 April 1811) and also that there be allowed them all Quit Rent which has accrued since said 1 April 1811. The same to be paid in Cash or in bonds on such credit as shall hereafter be prescribed by the Finance Committee.

Upon the Question of agreing to the same a Division having been called it was carried in the Affirmative as follows.

Affirmative

The Recorder Alder[n] Vanderbilt, Dickenson, Cunningham, Douglass, Wendover, Fish, Pell, Mess[rs] Nitchie, Brackett, Lawrence, King, Smith, Hedden, Waldron. 15

Negative

Alder[n] Morss Buckmaster, Mess[rs] Mann Hardenbrook, Palmer. 5

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	$5.728.62
Warrants not presented	(none)

[362] Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Hays & Bogert City Watch	694.75
Farrington & White "	621.25
Holden & Lawrence "	474.25
Hedden & Angevine "	340.00
D S Jones. bal[c] Acct 1 Q[r] end[s] 20th Nov[r]	72.28
P Moffat Band Music 25 Nov[r]	52.00
R Burchan report[s] Pass[es] 6 Mo. end[s] Nov[r]	25.00
P Aymar Collec[r] Corpora[n] Revenue 1 Q[r] 5 Dec	156.00
E Allen rep[rs] to Mud Machine Ord Comt[ee]	135.12
M Reed. 1st Inst[lmt] Well Pump Delancy St	97.50
John Gallagher. Bal[c] " " Varrick "	60.00
M Reed 1st Inst[lmt] " " Broome "	73.57
A Smith regul[ng] pav[g] Vesey St	300.00
J Bailey pav[g] Inters[ns] Sts order Comt[ee]	552.57
J Hardman Work on high ways 23d Oct	135.12
C ONeil labour mak[g] new drain Canal St	400.22
Ja[s] Wallace Sup[dt] of Repairs	250.00
	$4439.63
Balance	$1288.99

[363] This being the day prescribed by law for the newly elected Members & others elective Corporate Officers to take the oaths of Office prescribed by law the following persons attended and were sworn in by his Honor the Mayor in presence of the Com[a] Council

1st Ward

Peter Mesier	Alderman
John Nitchie	Assistant
John Turner, Thomas Bolton	Assessors
Daniel J Ebbets	Collector
Robert Graham, Zephaniah Brown	Constables

2d Ward

Jonas Mapes	Alderman
Joseph W Brackett	Assistnt
Israel Horsfield, Thomas J Townsend	Assessors
John Bloodgood	Collector
Asa Eastwood	Constable

3d Ward

Charles dickenson	Alderman
Augustin H Lawrence	Assistant
Anthony L Underhill, Harmanus Tallman	Assessors
[364] Francis V Many	Collector
Joshua Green, John B Figuet	Constables

4th Ward

Peter McCartee	Alderman
Elisha W King	Assistant
Peter Bonnett, Eldad Holmes	Assessors
Adolph L Degrove	Collector
Jacob Morrison, John Risley	Constables

5th Ward

Thomas R Smith	Alderman
Gideon Tucker	Assistant
Leonard Warner, Richard Risley	Assessors
William Berrian	Collector
Charles E Kelly, John Striker Junr	Constables

6th Ward

Jonathan Lawrence	Alderman
Mott Cannon	Assistant
Henry Ackerman, Leonard Seaman	Assessors
Thomas Mooney	Collector
Thomas Cornell, John McManuus	Constables

[365] 7th Ward

George Buckmaster	Alderman
Asa Mann	Assistant
Aspinwall Cornwall, Benjamin Prince	Assessors
Morris Oakley	Collector
Azel Conklin, John McKibbin	Constables

8th Ward

Peter H Wendover	Alderman
Arthur Burtis	Assistant
Jonathan Pinkney, Isaac Emmons	Assessors
Andrew Hegeman	Collector
Moses Cunningham, John Pulis	Constables

9th Ward

Nicholas Fish	Alderman
William A Hardenbrook	Assistant
William Holmes, John Y Van Tuyl	Assessors
Jacob Horn	Collector
Daniel Stewart, Reuben Ryder	Constables

10th Ward

Reuben Munson	Alderman
Noah Brown	Assistant
[366] John Hunt, Thomas Cooper	Assessors
John Palmer	Collector
Henry G Disbrow, Nathaniel Nott Junr	Constables

Jacob Hays appointed High Constable by his Honor the Mayor, was also sworn into office

after which the newly elected Members took their Seats at the Board and the Common Council was formed as follows

The Hon^{e} DeWitt Clinton Mayor President

Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq^{r} Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Joseph W Brackett	
Charles Dickenson		Augustine H Lawrence	
Peter M^{c}Cartee		Elisha W King	
Thomas R Smith		Gideon Tucker	
Jonathan Lawrence		Mott Cannon	
George Buckmaster		Asa Mann	
Peter H Wendover		Arthur Burtis	
Nicholas Fish		W^{m} A Hardenbrook	
Reuben Munson		Noah Brown	

This being the day prescribed by law for the election of Chamberlain or City Treasurer [367] Whitehead Fish was unanimously re-elected to that office. And ordered that he give such sureties for the faithful performance of the duties of his office as shall be approved by the Mayor

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on the Assessment for regulating and paving Cherry Street from Montgomery to corlears Street Whereupon a Warrant was ordered to be issued for collection of the same

Resolved that Alder^{n} Mesier be and he is hereby appointed Proxy of this Corporation to vote at the ensuing election for Directors of the Manhattan Company upon the Shares holden by this Corporation in said Institution

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to revise the Rules of the Com^{n} Council

The Committee appointed were The Recorder Alder^{n} Smith M^{r} King

The Common Council having been informed [368] that Com^{re} William Bainbridge had arrived in the City. Resolved that the Common Council will assemble on Wednesday next in the Com^{n} Council Chamber for the purpose of presenting to him the Freedom of the City agreably to a former Resolution

Resolved that in future the Board will assemble on their ordinary Meetings at Five OClock P M

Adjourned to meet on Wednesday next 12. OClock

[369] In Common Council Dec^{r} 8th 1813

present The Hon^{e} DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq^{r} Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Jos Warren Brackett	
Charles Dickenson		Augus^{n} H Lawrence	
Peter M^{c}Cartee		Elisha W King	
Thomas R Smith		Gideon Tucker	
Jonathan Lawrence		Mott Cannon	
George Buckmaster		Asa Mann	
Peter H Wendover		Arthur Burtis	
Nicholas Fish		W^{m} A Hardenbrook	
Reuben Munson		Noah Brown	

The Board assembled agreably to adjournment when being informed that Commodore Bainbridge was in waiting a Committee consisting of Alder^{n} Mesier & Alder^{n} Buckmaster were appointed to introduce Com^{re} Bainbridge into the Common Council Chamber. The Commodore having been introduced the Members rose to receive him. The Mayor then addressed him as follows.

[370] Mayors address

Sir—We avail ourselves of this opportunity to express to you in person those sentiments of respect and regard which we have already communicated to you in another form In rendering this tribute to merit we feel peculiar pleasure. While our local attachments are gratified with the distinguished conduct of a man whom we consider as a citizen of this place, our national feelings are elevated by that heroism and magnanimity with which you atchieved a double victory; for when the Flag of your Enemy was yielded to the power of your arms, his prejudices and animosities were at the same time subdued by a generosity and humanity never surpassed

The Mayor then administered to the Commodore the Freeman's Oath and presented to him a certificate of the Freedom of the City in an elegant gold Box.

The Commodore then made the following reply to the Mayors address:

Com^{re} Bainbridge's reply

Sir. The distinguished honor which the Corporation of the City of New York have conferred on me, claims my grateful acknowledgments. The freedom of one of our [371] greatest commercial cities, will ever be duly appreciated, and excite sensations which I feel

but cannot express. When my Country commands, I shall always cheerfully obey; and this testimony of your good opinion will be a stimulus to further exertions

The Commodore then withdrew and upon leaving the Hall was greeted with the acclamations of a large concourse of Citizens who had assembled to witness the public Honors bestowed upon a gallant fellow Citizen.

[372] In Common Council Dec^{r} 13th 1813

present The Hon^{l} DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq^{r} Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Joseph W Brackett	
Charles Dickenson		Augustine H Lawrence	
Peter M^{c}Cartee		Elisha W King	
Thomas R Smith		Gideon Tucker	
Jonathan Lawrence		Mott Cannon	
George Buckmaster		Asa Mann	
Peter H Wendover		Arthur Burtis	
Nicholas Fish		W^{m} A Hardenbrook	
Reuben Munson		Noah Brown	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Memorial from sundry Owners and Residents of Beekman Slip praying that the Common Council will reconsider their determination of appropriating Burling Slip to the use of the Steam Boats and would assign Beekman Slip to that purpose—And a Memorial from the [373] Owners & Inhabitants of Burling Slip and from sundry Masters of Coasters & Packets plying between New York & the Eastward praying also that said Steam Boat may be removed from Burling Slip to Beekman Slip were read and referred to Alder^{n} Fish Alder^{n} Dickenson M^{r} Smith

A Petition of W^{m} Coley Lessee of Corporation Lot N^{o} 57 Chatham Street praying permission to raise money by Mortgaging the same to rebuild his House thereon destroyed by Fire was read and referred to the Comptroller with authority to grant the prayer of the Petitioner if in his opinion proper.

The following Persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Floating Engine

Lambert Cole, Tobacconist, 57 Cherry S^{t} 4th W^{d} Vice Matthew Daniels remov^{d}

John Waters, Grocer, 320 Water St 4th Wd vice Jno Trafford resgd
Allan McDougal, Cooper 277 Water St 4th Wd vice Frederick Smyth removd

[374] F E Compy No 3

Tysack Hodges, Acct, 47 Wall St 1 Wd vice David Roberts resd

F E Compy No 7.

John Minuse, Tavern Keeper, 149 Water St 1 Wd
vice Edwd Smith Do

F E Compy No 15

Ambrose Defreise, Shoemaker, Broome St, 6 Wd
vice Harman Shatzel Do

F E Compy No 24

Henry Thomas, Carver, &c, 10 Ann St 3 Wd vice Wm Warner Do

F E Compy No 26

John Carpenter, Shipwright, 164 Bancker St 7th Wd
vice Danl Stilwell Do
Richd Carpenter " " " " Jos Cheeseman Do
Drake Weed Shoemaker 125 Lombardy St 7th Wd
vice Nath Hart Do
Jacob Bourdett, Cartman, Pike & Cherry St 7th
vice Edwd Jones Do

F E Compy No 31.

Andrew Colvin, Smith 5 Ryer St 6 Wd
vice Nicholas Hendrickson Do

A Petition of Paul Gallaudett for appointment as Street Commissioner was read and referred to the Committee on applications

The Comptroller presented the following

In conformity to the Resolution of the Common Council passed on Monday last, The Comptroller has prepared and herewith presents for execution a Bond for $28054..75—the exact amount expended for defence the current year. It is expected a less sum will not suffice [375] to carry us thro' the Winter in consequence of the advanced price of Articles requisite for the support of the Alms House & Bridewell, and the wish of the Bellevue Committee to discharge all their Accounts to 31st Inst

respectfully submitted
(Signed) Thos R Mercein Compr

Which was approved and the Bond ordered to be executed.

A Petition from the Members of Fire Engine Company N° 25 praying to be permitted to wear their accustomed Badge and to be exempted from the Ordinance directing a uniformity in the Caps of Firemen was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department and Chief Engineer.

The Comptroller on the petition of W^m^ Thatcher & W^m^ Phoebus Reported. That the Assessors perform their duties in virtue of, and in conformity to, the Rules prescribed by an Act of the Legislature and the Corporation (as he is legally advised) have no control over their assessments and are not authorised [376] to remit a Tax paid in conformity thereto—the law referred to makes it the duty of the Assessors to give public notice two Weeks before the final closing of their Assessments in order that all concerned may have an opportunity to examine the same and correct unintentional errors. if therefore the Petitioners failed to make the requisite examination and paid a Tax they are not entitled to relief—if they did and the Assessors still persisted in assessing them, their remedy lies against the Assessors

The amount involved in these cases is inconsiderable and might without any inconvenience be taken from the Treasury, but the precedent such an appropriation would establish would be dangerous and lead to innumerable & very trifling applications

respectfully submitted

(Signed) Tho^s^ R Mercein Comp^r^

The Comptroller on the Petition of Charles Smith & Wife presented a Report the consideration of which was postponed

The Comptroller presented the following

[377] The Comptroller has the honor to inform the Board that all the subscribers to the Signal Poles excep[t] A Gracie & Sons—W^m^ Renwick & James Scott—have declined paying for the ensuing year commencing on the First day of November last, and assign as a reason therefor that the total stagnation of trade and consequent disuse of signals; and they further represent that the agents of the United States have prohibited the hoisting of private Signals altogether They are willing to become Subscribers again whenever these obstacles are removed and are desirous to avoid the penalties incurred for a non subscription at present. to wit the forfeiture of their poles & signals

This Establishment it is presumed was created to subserve Commercial purposes & not with a view to derive any emolument therefrom—As the original intention is frustrated by circumstances without the control of the Board, it is respectfully submitted how far it would

be proper to abandon it for the present to be revived whenever the purpose for which it was originally designed can be carried into effect

respectfully submitted

(Signed) Thos R Mercein Compr

[378] Which was approved and the establishment was directed to be discontinued until the further order of the Board.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each. viz for Well & Pump in Delancey Street between the Bowery & First St for Well & Pump in Oak Street near James Street, for regulating Walnut Street from Grand to Cherry St & for repairing the Drain in Ferry Street

The Common Council having been informed that Jacob Bedell who had been returned as elected for Constable of the 2d Ward at the last Charter Election had departed this life. Resolved that an Election to supply the vacancy of Constable of said Ward occasioned by the death of said Jacob Bedell be holden on the 22d & 23d day of December inst at Battins Coffee house corner of Burling Slip & Water Street—the place at which the last Poll was holden and that it be holden under the direction of the same Inspectors as were appointed for that Ward for the last Charter Election. viz. Miles Hitchcock [379] Isaac M Ely & Wm W Todd.

The following Report was presented by the Comptroller & Street Commissioner on the Memorial of Talbot & Dunham Assignees of Robt Kinder & Co—Reported that they were of opinion that an exchange of the Angles of ground as therein proposed would be advantageous to the Corporation & therefore proposed to the parties interested that two discreet and judicious men should be appointed to ascertain the relative value of the ground to be exchanged which was agreed to & Mr John Slidell & Thos C Taylor were appointed who having viewed the premises, made the annexed valuation, a calculation bottomed on that valuation makes the property of the Kinders of the value of $257.70 & that belonging to the Corporation of the value of $130.87 leaving a balance of $126.83 in favor of the former. they therefore recommend that a Warrant for that Sum be reported in favor of the council of the Board to be by him paid to the assignees of Kinders Estate whenever an exchange of conveyances is duly executed

(sigd) Thos R Mercein Compr
John McComb Sr St Comr

Valuation &c

The subscribers having been appointed by the Corporation of the City of New York & the assignees of the Estate of Robt Kinder & Co to value 3 angles of ground at Inclenburgh belonging to said Corporation & said Estate of Kinder & Co do declare that having viewed & examined the premises agreably to the map furnished by the Comptroller, they are of opinion, that the angle fronting on the Bloomingdale Road & owned by Kinder & Co is worth at the rate of $1800 pr acre & that the two remaining angles are worth each at the rate of $1500 pr acre

(Sigd) Jno Slidell
Thos C Taylor

[380] The following Resolution was presented

Resolved that a special Committee be appointed to enquire, whether any and what further provisions are necessary to be made in the departments of Superintendants of the Alms House and Comptroller of this Board

Which was agreed to. & the following were appointed the Committee viz Mr Nitchie Aldn Buckmaster Mapes Smith Mr Lawrence

The following Resolution was presented by Mr Brackett.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire, whether any and what other alterations and amendments ought to be made to the law "in relation to Slaves in the City of New York" and to report thereon with all convenient speed

Which was referred to the Committee on laws and ordinances

Aldern Munson presented a Resolution directing Grand Street to be regulated and paved from Arundle to Suffolk Street which was [381] referred to the Street Commissioner who immediately reported an Ordinance directing the same to be done which was passed & Ezekiel Bishop, Solomon Wheeler & Robert Coles were appointed Assessors

Aldern Wendover presented a Resolution directing a Hill to be removed from Herring between Jones & Cornelia Street which was referred to the Street Commissioner

On Motion of Mr King Resolved that Luke Kip be and he is hereby appointed Fire Warden of the 4th Ward in the place of Peter McCartee Esqr now a Member of this Board

Resolved that the City Charter be printed under the direction of the Committee of laws and that such number of Copies be struck off as they shall judge advisable

Resolved that the regular Meetings of this Board be held once a

Fortnight and that the Board assemble at 5 oclock P M in the Common Council Chamber

[382] Ordered that the Clerk of the Common Council furnish to each of the newly elected Members the Map of the City of N York, a copy of the Charter—Off the Laws & Ordinances of the Corporation & of the Laws of the State relating to this City.

The following were appointed the standing Committees for the ensuing year.

1 on Applications
Alderⁿ Dickenson
" Wendover
" McCartee

2 Assessments
Messʳˢ Brackett
" Nitchie
" Cannon
" Tucker
" Mann

3 Bellevue
Aldeⁿ Fish
Messʳˢ Hardenbrook
" King
" Lawrence
" Tucker

4 Building
Alderⁿ Smith
" Fish
" Jonᵒ Lawrence
Messʳˢ Burtis
" Lawrence
" Carroll

5 Canal
Aldeⁿ Wendover
" Smith
Messʳˢ Hardenbrook
" Cannon
" Tucker

6 Charity
Aldeⁿ Mapes
" Mesier
Messʳˢ Brown
" Mann
" Burtis

[383] 7 Defence
Alderⁿ Fish
" Smith
" Mesier
" Buckmaster
Messʳˢ Nitchie
" Brackett
" Tucker

8 Ferry
Messʳˢ King
" Lawrence
Alderⁿ Mapes

9 Finance
Messʳˢ Lawrence
" Nitchie
Aldeⁿ Munson
" Jon Lawrence
" Mapes

10 Fire Depᵐᵗ
Messʳˢ Hardenbrook
" Burtis
Aldeⁿ McCartee

11 Lamps
Alderⁿ McCartee
" Wendover
Mʳ Nitchie

12 Laws
Messʳˢ Nitchie
" Brackett
" King
Alderⁿ Smith

13 Markets
Alderⁿ Mesier
" Wendover
" McCartee
Messrs Lawrence
" Cannon

14 Police
Messrs Brackett
" King
" Brown
" Cannon
Aldeⁿ Smith

[384] 17 Streets
Mr King
Aldeⁿ Buckmaster
McCartee

18 Surveys
Aldeⁿ Mesier
" Fish
Mr Nitchie
" Hardenbrook
" Burtis

15 Repairs
Messrs Lawrence
" Hardenbrook
" Brown

16 Roads
Aldⁿ Fish
" Munson
" Mesier
Messrs Hardenbrook
Lawrence

19 Watch
Mr King
Aldeⁿ Mapes
" Buckmaster
" Wendover
" Dickenson

20 Wharves Piers &c
Aldⁿ McCartee
" Buckmaster
" Dickenson

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$10310.51
Warrants not presented	$627.53
	$9682.98

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts

Isaac A Vⁿ Hook Balᶜ Actˢ adjusted by Comteᵉ	976.73
John Crolius Inspector of Bread 1 Qr to 8th Instᵗ	100.00
Phillip Becanon " " "	97.78
S McCormick Park Keeper in full to 11 Instᵗ 38 days	57.00
P B Cruger Rent for Engᵉ House Beaver Sᵗ by orr Ch Engr	52.50
M Reid 1 Instlt Well Pump William St	81.20
T & G Lovett " " " Lewis "	45.00
C Mooney Acct pavs Cherry St	900.00
[385] P Kelly Acct pavs Intersecs sundry Sts	541.26
A Smyth " " Washington St	200.00
R Moran " " Broadway	200.00
Thos R Mercein for W C Barker 14 Cskᵉ L Oil	780.25
E Jennings Supdt Lamps	659.86
Wm Kay reprs to Wells	55.59
J Fine reprs to Pumps & smith work	430.68
Wm A Hardenbrook for repairs Road between Love lane & the Manhattan Bank by Ordr	381.50

L Bleecker Inclenburgh Bond due 25 Sepr & Intst	517.83
A Curtis balc Acct by ord Bd Nov 2	150.00
	$1048.33
Balance	$3456.80

[386] In Common Council Decr 27th 1813

present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Jonas Mapes	John Nitchie
Charles Dickenson	Joseph Warren Brackett
Peter McCartee	Augusn H Lawrence
Thos R Smith	Elisha W King
Jonathan Lawrence	Gideon Tucker
George Buckmaster	Mott Cannon
Peter H Wendover	Asa Mann
Nicholas Fish	Arthur Burtis
Caleb Munson	Wm A Hardenbrook
Aldermen	Noah Brown
	Assistants

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition from Thomas Marshall for stall No 42 Washington Market was read & referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Francis White holding Stall No 2 Washington Market & Henry Owens holding No 32 same Market and praying to be permitted [387] to exchange stalls with each other was read and granted.

A Petition from Ebenezer Clarke praying extension of time for filling in a Lot of ground and that a Suit commenced against him upon an ordinance for filling in may be staid; the same was read and ordered that upon his paying the Costs of Suit which have accrued that the suit be suspended, & that he have until the 1st May next to comply with the ordinance

A Petition of Robt McComb that the Corporation will sell to him a small Island of sedge in Harlaem River opposite his Estate at Kingsbridge was read & referred to the Comptroller & Council.

A Petition from Wm Day for appointment to some Office under the Corporation—from Mark Colter stating that he had been appointed Wood Inspector for the District Comprised between White Hall Slip & the Albany Pier. But that yielding but a very trifling emolument he solicited an appointment to some other District—and [388] a Petition

from Isaac Loofborrow for appointment as Street Inspector & from Matthew Cunningham for appointment of Wood Inspector were severally read and referred to the Committee on applications

A Memorial from the people of colour praying a repeal of the first section of the Ordinance entitled "a Law in relation to Slaves" was read & referred to the Committee on laws & ordinances

A Petition from sundry Bakers praying an alteration of the law regulating the assize of Bread was read and referred to the former Committee on that subject. Viz Alder[n] Dickenson W. Fish Chamberlain (Alde[n] Morss no longer a Member)

A Memorial was received from Jacob Barker stating that he was a purchasor of Lots in Hamilton Square, that he accepted the terms of the Resolutions of the Common Council of the 6[th] Ins[t] so far as related to the repayment of Principal Interest & Quit rent paid. But having made considerable improvements on said Lots which could not be removed he trusted the Common Council would deem it just to make him allowance therefor [389] Ordered that it be referred to the Committee on that subject viz M[r] Bracket M[r] King M[r] Lawrence Ald[n] Smith

A Petition was received from George Hodge stating that he was Owner of a Lease for 13 years of Lot N[o] 25 Lombard St sold by the Corporation for non payment of Assessment for regulating said Street, that he unfortunately lost said lease overboard while navigating a Sloop, and praying said Lease may be renewed to him

Ordered that the same be referred to the Comptroller & Attorney

A Petition of John R Livingston praying that a Suit against him for non compliance with an ordinance respecting filling in a Lot may be discontinued the ordinance having been complied with so far as to correct the evil complained of was read & referred to the Attorney with an order to discontinue the suit on payment of costs.

[390] A Communication from the High Constable & Chief Marshal stating that the Staves of the Marshals & Constables required new painting—was referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of John F Bille to be appointed a Watchman was read and referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition from Garrit Fountain praying on payment of costs to be relieved from a penalty said to be incurred by him under the ordinance respecting the lying of Vessels in Public Wharves & Slips—alledging that great pains were taken by him to remove the vessel for which the penalty is said to be incurred from out of the Slip—but that

she had been sunken as Petitioner believes by some evil intentioned person—Ordered to be referred to the Committee on Wharves.

A Petition of the City Weighers praying an additional allowance for weighing articles was read and referred to the following Committee with authority to report by ordinance or otherwise. Comtee Mr King Alden Smith Mr Burtis

[391] A Petition of Eleazer Hathaway & Henry Marsh the present Lessees of the Flag Staff stating their wish to renew their Lease for a term of years—was ordered to be referred to the Alderman & assistant of the 1st Ward & the Alderm of 2d Ward who were appointed the Battery Committee for the ensuing year.

The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Resolution respecting the removal of a Hill in Herring Street reported

That in his opinion the obstruction ought to be removed, as that part of Herring Street is hazardous for Carriages to pass in its present situation. That the expense of removing the Hill so as to form a free passage will be about $50

This Street is not yet ceded to the Corporation & is but 47 Feet wide

(Signed) John McComb Jr
St Comsr

Which was agreed to

The Council presented a grant for a Water Lot to Abraham Leggett pursuant to a Report of the Comptroller on the 15 Novr [392] last & adopted by the Board Whereupon ordered that the same be duly executed.

The Council presented agreably to order a petition to the supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate & Assessment for the opening of the 1st Avenue from North Street to the Northerly side of Tenth Street, which was directed to be duly authenticated

The Chief Engineer to whom was referred the cases of Elias Kent & Hezekiah Cock reported. That he has carefully attended thereto and on enquiring into the case of Elias Kent he is fully satisfied that his expulsion was correct

In the case of Hezekiah Cock it appears That he was expelled (without a hearing) during a visit to his relations in the Country and previous to his going he waited on the Secretary and requested him to inform the Company the reason of his absence. He is said to be a very active fireman and particularly attentive to his duties as such

In attending to this case [I] am clearly of opinion that he was improperly expelled [393] from said Company

(sig^{d}) Tho^{s} Franklin
Chf Eng^{r}

Which was approved. & Resolved that the expulsion of Elias Kent be confirmed but that the expulsion of Hezekiah Cock be not confirmed

The Chief Engineer presented a Report accompanied with the annual and general Return of the several Fire Engines belonging to the Corporation with the Apparatus belonging thereto & the Hooks ladders Trucks, Hose Carriages &^{c} together with an account of the places of deposit the Names of the Engineers Foremen & Firemen belonging to the several Fire Companies & their places of abode—Which Return was directed to be printed as usual and the Report was referred to the Committee on the fire Department.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each. Viz. for a Well in William St near Beekman St—for repaving Greenwich [394] Street from Partition to Vesey St—for building the Drain in Broad St—and an Assessment for paving Gouverneur St from Cherry to Water St

The Committee to whom was referred sundry Memorials & remonstrances against filling in Burling Slip & against establishing a Steam ferry Boat at that place also praying that said Ferry may be established at Beekman Slip reported. That the establishment of a Steam boat Ferry from this City to Brooklyn recently decided on by this Board, promises to be a measure of great public utility as may be inferred from the universal approbation with which that dicision has been received it only remains then to be ascertained, where the ferry can with least inconvenience be located, and where the benefits of the establishment can be most speedily & extensively obtained: in this investigation the Committee have found some deficiencies arrising however chiefly from the hasty location of the Ferry at Burling Slip & from the lease having been granted immediately thereafter without affording time for reconsideration or for that information which is essential to a correct decision and which has in their opinion since been obtained

[395] It appears as a primary measure under the present lease that Burling Slip should be filled in to the Line of South Street by which an expence of from $25000 to $30000 would necessarily be in-

curred and a consequent delay of at least one or two Years before the benefits expected to result from a Steam Boat Ferry to long Island could be realized This is not however the only objection to Burling Slip, a question naturally arrises by whom is the expence to be born. If as is usual in such cases, either altogether or in part by the proprietors of grounds in the vicinity, it ought to appear either that they have solicited the measure or that some benefit will result to them from it, neither of which is the case but on the contrary it appears as well from the Memorials & Remonstrances which have been handed to the Committee & now before the Board, to which they beg leave to refer, as from abundant information which has been communicated to them that the parties most deeply interested as owners & occupants of property are most warmly & almost unanimously opposed to the measure; if then the [396] proprietors of ground in the vicinity of Burling Slip are to be exonerated from an Assessment the object of which is to deprive them of the benefits of a very extensive & profitable coasting Trade with the principal Sea ports of the Eastern States, which they now almost exclusively enjoy and for the securing of which they have within a few years past paid an assessment amounting to upwards of $6000 for widening said slip then the question recurs, by whom is the expence to be paid. are the Corporation willing to encounter it from the City Treasury. The Committee on this last subject as on the preceding are decidedly of opinion that it would be inexpedient

The Committee further report that Beekman Slip has within a few years past been filled in and paved to the line of South Street, that although the ground so filled in, remained for more than a year after the filling in was compleated, soft and unfit to receive pavement it has now become perfectly solid, the Wharves & piers well constructed, & the Slip is in all respects well adapted for the immediate establishment of the Ferry at that place without expence or delay; & should the contemplated [397] improvement of opening Fair Street through to Pearl Street be carried into effect it would encrease the facility of access, by furnishing a direct communication from the said Ferry to the Hudson River

From the most careful examination of the subject & from the best information the Committee have been able to obtain it appears, that among the Owners of property in the vicinity of Burling Slip a common sentiment prevails highly adverse to the filling in of said slip, that among those of Beekman Slip nearly equal unanimity prevails in favor of having the Steam Boat ferry established there—That no injury

would result to the public & comparatively none to individuals from transferring the Steam Boat ferry to Beekman Slip, that the Lessee of the Ferry as relates to himself has expressed a decided preference of Beekman to Burling Slip, that great injury & loss of property would result to many respectable Inhabitants from filling in of Burling Slip

The Committee therefore recommend that measures be taken on the part of this Board to cancel the lease recently granted [398] to Wm Cutting and his associates for a Steam boat ferry from Brooklyn to Burling Slip & that on the surrender of said lease a new one of similar import be granted to them from Brooklyn to Beekman Slip & that the Attorney of the Board take order therein

(signed) Nicholas Fish
Charles Dickenson

Which was approved.

The Comptroller Reported. Accounts for which Warrants had been issued during the recess of the Board Decr 27 1813

Hays & Bogert	Watch	694.75
Farrington & White	"	621.25
Hedden & Angevine	"	339.50
Holden & Lawrence	"	474.25
		$2129.75

Which were agreed to

He further Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$34631.45
Warrants not presented	322.28
	$34299.17

Whereupon warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

R Graves Ast St Comsr Salry Novr	65.00
S Green St Inspr " Decr	54.00
[399] A B Holmes. Ast St Inspr Saly Decr	54.00
B Hicks City " " "	62.00
C E Duncan St " " "	54.00
Wm Bridges Maps New Members	158.00
M Burnham Subsn Evg Post	46.68
O Waldron Work & reprs on Roads to 1 Decr	209.94
T & G Lovett balc Pier Jas Slip. proporn of C C	501.63
J Gallgher 1st Instat Well & Pump Charles St	103.68
P Hagerty " " " " Lombardy St	132.25
J Bailey pavg Intersecn George & Wm St	63.95

C Mooney Intersecn Sping & Varrick St	48.75
Do filling in pave Governeur Market	75.31
M Reid Acct Well Pump Harman St	97.50
J Wallace Supdt Reprs Drain Ferry St	700.00
Wm Stilwell & others for sundry Assmts	275.35
J Hardie Asst City Inspr	62.50
J Hays & others conveye Prisonrs to Bdwll	180.62
R Furman N Alms House	10000.00
Do Alms House & Bridewell	5000.00
J McComb N City Hall	1500.00
W Fish City Treasr to pay Intst on City Stock due 1 Novr	10500.00
B Skaats Fuel for City Hall Watch houses	100.00
W Waldron for Maps of Water Lots pr ord Fince Comtee	100.00
	$.30145.16
Balance	$4154.01

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MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

JANUARY 10, 1814 TO NOVEMBER 4, 1814

[1] In Common Council Jan^{y} 10th 1814

present. The Hon^{l} DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq^{r} Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Joseph W Brackett	
Charles Dickenson		Augustine H Lawrence	
Peter M^{c}Cartee		Elisha W King	
Thomas R Smith		Gideon Tucker	
Jonathan Lawrence		Asa Mann	
George Buckmaster		Arthur Burtis	
Reuben Munson		W^{m} A Hardenbrook	
		Mott Cannon	
		Noah Brown	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

The Council presented a grant to Robert M^{c}Comb Esq^{r} of the right and privelege of erecting a Dam across Harlaem River agreably to reports of the Survey & Law Committee & of the Comptroller & Street Commissoner which was directed to be duly executed

[2] A presentment of the Grand Jury to the Common Council recommending the building of Cisterns at the respective Churches & other public Buildings—And that a Watchman should be stationed at each Church to have access to the Bell to give immediate alarm in case of fire & that they should be directed in the cry of fire to name the place where the fire originates, which was read and the first part together with the Chief Engineers Report on that subject was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department—and the latter to the Watch Committee.

It was also referred to the Committee on the Fire Department to consider and report what further regulations are necessary in said Department

A Petition of Patrick Flaherty & John Gallaher praying relief on a contract entered into by Flaherty for digging a Well in Lumbard Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to Report the facts and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant for payment of the amount of the Contract

[3] A Petition from the Inhabitants in the vicinity of Fly Market remonstrating against the Steam Boat plying from Beekman Slip and

praying that one may be established at the Fly Market was read & referred to Alder[n] Lawrence Alder[n] Dickenson M[r] Hardenbrook

A Petition of Dominick Lynch, Jasper Lynch Geo. Codwise J[r] John Youle Ab[m] Leggett, G. Buckmaster & Henry Edward, William & Maria Laight, was read stating that they had some time since made application for water grants opposite their respective Lots and praying that they may now be granted to them—Which was ordered to be referred to the Comptroller

A Petition of Stephen S Clay to be appointed a City Weigher and of George M Natwig & John Briant to be appointed Measurers of grain &[c] were read & granted

A Petition of Israel Wood to be appointed Inspector of wood stored in the wood yards. was read & the consideration thereof postponed.

[4] A Petition of Henry Titus for reduction of Rent on property held by him from the Corporation was read & refer[d] to the Comptroller

A Petition of Robert Rattoon & Andrew I. M[c]Laughlin that the Flag Staff at the Battery may be rented to them was read & refer[d] to the Battery Committee

Petitions that North Street may be opened & regulated from the Bowery to the East River that Sullivan Street may be regulated from the North side of the Ditch to Canal St that Desbrosses Street may be regulated from Varick Street to Sullivan Street and that Varrick Street may be regulated from Laight St to Canal St were severally read & referred to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Jacob Blank for remission of penalty incurred under the Street Law was read and referred to the Attorney with authority to remit

A Memorial of Garit J Van Waggener complaining of the conduct of Jacob Hays Captain of City Watch was read & refer[d] to the Watch Committee

[5] The Special Committee upon the Departments of the Superintendant of the Alms House & Comptroller reported that in their opinion the Salaries of those two officers, which at present are fifteen hundred Dollars per Annum each, ought to be raised, in consequence of the increase of the duties devolving on them in their several Departments, since their Salaries were fixed at that sum, and the present high price of every article necessary for the comfortable support of a family —they therefore recommend to the Board the adoption of the following Reslutions.

Resolved that the Salary of the Superintendant of the Alms House be raised to two thousand Dollars per annum to commence from the first day of July last

Resolved that the Salary of the Comptroller be raised to two thousand Dollars per annum to commence from the first day of July last

Submitted &c

(signed) J Nitchie
J: Mapes
Augus H Lawrence
G Buckmaster
Th R Smith

[6] which Report was approved

The Chief Engineer reported that agreably to the 22d Section of the 11th Chapter of the law for preventing & extinguishing fires, That from the 31st day of December 1812 to the 31st day of December 1813 inclusive there was received and paid to the Treasurer of the Incorporate fire Department for the use & benefit thereof as follows viz

Received	for chimney fines	$1073.20
"	from the Atty of the Bd for a fine he recovd for carrys a lightd candle into a Stable Contrary to Law	10.00
"	from Do for Do	9.00
		$1092.20

The above sum has been applied for the relief of disabled firemen & their families and for educating about seventy of their Children

Submitted &c

(signed) Thos Franklin Chf Engr

The Committee on the petition of Garrit Fountain reported that they recommend the prayer of the petition be granted

Which was agreed to.

[7] The Building Committee on the petition of the Justices of the Justices Court reported

That they have made full & strict enquiry into the subjects therein contained. They find that the Court is amply provided with jury Rooms which are both convenient and comfortable & if there were indeed any deficiency in this respect there is still another Room within their control which was formerly intended for this purpose and might again be so employed did these Gentlemen think proper to do so: That the place in which they hold their sittings is very commodiius & spac-

ious and has lately at their instance been fitted up in a very handsome stile & at considerable expense to the Corporation: That the article of fuel has not been furnished by the Corporation for several years past & that this is a point which has been fully settled with former Justices of this Court. They beg leave also to remark that they conceive the Keeper of the Hall has been improperly implicated in this memorial; they think he has been strictly within the pale of his duty in whatever concern he has taken with respect to this Court, and that he is entitled to credit as a faithful preserver of the public property. Your Committee therefore [8] see no reason for any improvements or alterations being made in the rooms & conveniences belonging to this Department & recommend that no order be taken on the subject

(Signed) Thoˢ R Smith
Jonⁿ Lawrence
Arthur Burtis
Augus. H Lawrence

Which was approved

The Report of the Comptroller on the petition of Charles Smith & Wife was called up & being read was as follows.

The Comptroller to whom was referred &ᶜ reports that in the Year 1809 the Common Council granted to the late Jacob Wilkins the privelege of building a Pier opposite his water grant on the south side of Courtlandt Street Slip on the following conditions—The pier to extend into Hudson River 250 feet to be 30 feet in width—to be built in a good substantial manner and completed in the course of one year. The said Wilkins to receive & enjoy all the rents and emoluments to be derived therefrom for twelve Years, after which it was to revert to the Corporation—the penalty for non performance $5000

The Pier was begun in 1809 and was made to extend [9] into the River 180 feet or 70 feet less than was required by the conditions of the Lease, in which situation it now remains. When the Common Council leased the Powles Hook Ferry to Messʳˢ Livingston Fulton & Cº they required the Slip of which this Bulk Head forms a considerable part for the accommodation of the Steam Boats

In May last Charles Smith & Ann his Wife petitioned the Common Council for the rent for the said pier—considerable difficulty arose in fixing the quantum of rent to be paid and the whole case was referred to Arbitrators who awarded them a rent at the rate of $500 per Annum this award being considered altogether unreasonable was referred to a Committee of the Board, who after due enquiry, reported

that it was expedient to pay the award, but they expressly stated that they did not mean to sanction the award, as it related to the Sum to be given for said pier in future, as they considered it a far greater sum than is equitable & just. The Petitioners now pray for rent from May last and demand therefor a sum, exceeding even the award of the arbitrators; it is presumed they are not legally entitled to any, having failed to comply with the conditions of their grant [10] a due performance of which will require an additional expenditure of at least Two thousand Dollars. The Estate of Wilkins is in a very embarrassed condition & probably will never be able to erect the additional pier or to pay in whole or in part the penalty incurred for a non performance of the Contract. Under all these circumstances the undersigned proposes a compromise and respectfully recommends that the petitioners be exonerated from that part of the contract made with Jacob Wilkins deceased, which requires a further continuation of the pier into Hudson River and that they be allowed for the time of the lease yet unexpired an Annual rent of three hundred Dollars

Submitted &c

(Signed) Thos R Mercein. Compr

Which Report was agreed to.

The Commissioners of the sinking Fund presented the following Report which was drected to be printed.

The Commissioners of the sinking fund for the redemption of the City Stock Report That in pursuance of the powers [11] vested in them by "a Law making provision for the redemption of the New York City Stock."

they have received the sum of	$17664.81
And they have purchased stock to the amount of	15014.93
Leaving a balance in their hands of	$2649.88

The annexed account exhibits the particular sources from which they derived their funds also the different kinds & the price of stock purchased

In their purchases a preference was at all times given to City Stock, when attainable on reasonable terms: but the avidity with which it is sought after in market, generally rendered it impracticable to obtain it on terms compatible with what was conceived to be the interest of the Corporation. Although they regret that they have been unable to invest all their receipts in that stock, they are gratified at the cause, which fully demonstrates the confidence that the public have in the

capacity of the Board to fulfil its engagements, and is a sure pledge that the Corporation if any emergency should render a new loan necessary would be enabled to obtain it on terms even more reasonable than before. Bank stock being subject to continual and great fluctuations [12] and the application for new Banks rendering it doubtful whether they would in future be productive, it was deemed advisable to invest the balance at the time remaining in their Hands, in the U S stock which tho' bearing the same interest was purchased 13 per ct less than the City.

The Commissioners recommend a rigid adherence to the present system under a full assurance that its opperations will be highly useful and that it will finally effect the extinguishment of the debt

(Signed) DeWitt Clinton Mayor
J. O. Hoffman Recorder
Whitehead Fish Treasurer
Thos R Mercein Compr
A H Lawrence Chairn Finance Comtee

Acct—&c

Dr The Sinking Fund in acct with the Commissioners Cr

To Cash $5000 C S. Bot G Aspinwall at 102½.....	5137.81	By Cash recd for commutation of Quit rents	11605.04
To Cash $7000 U S stock bot of G B Vroom a. 89½	6280.66	" Market fees since Octr.....	3630.12
To Cash $3500 C Stock bot of P Murphy a 102½....	3596.46	" Vaults Do	333.75
Balc in hands of Comsrs...	2649.88	" Water Lot rents (old quits)	550.90
		" Pawn Brokers license	1150.00
		" Hack licenses....	395.00
	$17664.81		$17664.81

[13] The Comptroller presented the annual Report of the receipts & Expenditures for the last Year as follows.

The Comptroller has the honor to present herewith an account current of Corporation receipts & Expenditures for the Year ending on 31st December; also an exhibit of the Commissioners of the sinking fund, shewing the several Sums passed to their credit in conformity with an ordinance for that purpose & their application of the same

The Expenditures for the last Year have been considerably augmented in consequence of extra appropriations for objects of the most

laudable & permanent nature, amongst the most prominent of which are

New Alms House	$90000.
Washington Market	15000.
Completion of New City Hall	24000.
Defence of the Harbour	31054.75
	$160054.75

To which may be added the purchase of considerable property for the better accomodation of Public Ferries viz

Van Maters at Brooklyn	5325.
McKeags at Hornes Hook	2000.
and the first instalment on Bonds given in 1806 for the reconveyance of the Inclenburgh [14] property to the Corporation which with interest was payable on the 25th Septr last amounting to	6475.
making an aggregate for extra appropriations of	$173854.75
The receipts into the City Treasury for the same period have been derived from the ordinary revenue and general Tax except the amount received for property corner of Wall & Nassau St	$25500.00
in Greenwich St adjact to Old Market	27000.00
in Chamber, Augustus & Duane Sts	13500.00
Bonds payable, given for expenditures in the defence of the City with an expectation of being ultimately refunded by the Government of the United States	28054.75
amount of Extra receipts	$94054.75
leaving a Balance of	$79800.00

appropriated for extra purposes in addition to the current expenses of the year

The present situation of affairs rendering it inexpedient to attempt the sales of public property. The receipts into the Treasury for the ensuing year, will be alone derived from the ordinary sources of Taxes and Revenue and will render it prudent to withold all extra appropriations of any magnitude except for the new establishment at Bellevue [15] the completion of which, the ensuing season is deemed of primary importance and ought to be accomplished even admitting the necessity of anticipating the Revenue to be derived from Sales of public property at a more favorable opportunity

It appears that the ordinary expenses of the City have been advanced only in proportion to its increase & population, except those charges which are included under the head of Lamps & Alms House which have considerably augmented in consequence of the enhanced

price of Oil for the former and of almost every article required for the support of the latter. That these items are not much greater is attributable to the advantageous purchases by the lamp Committee of Oil, and the foresight and judgment of the Superintendant & purveyor of the Alms House, who anticipating the rise of most articles of consumption, availed themselves of the prosperous state of the Treasury and made large and advantageous purchases of many of the staple articles required for the support of that Establishment.

To light this City the ensuing year even at the present price of Oil is hardly within the power of the Corporation, and as the present situation [16] of affairs indicates a deficiency of supply and consequent increase of price of that article it is all important that measures be immediately adopted either to procure a substitute or to restrict its use to seasons of the first necessity.

The progressive increase of the expenses of the Alms House & Bridewell is an object of the utmost importance and under existing circumstances must become in the course of the ensuing year alarming, the urgent necessity of adopting efficacious measures for reducing these inevitable expences induce the undersigned to offer his ideas to the Board on the subject—he is well aware of the magnitude of the attempt and is diffident of his capacity to point out the proper corrective but trusts what he now presents will lead to an investigation, elicit the views of others and be the basis of a plan which will ultimately tend to a reduction of the expences of that establishment a melioration of the conditions of its inhabitants, & an improvement of the police of the City

The extensive range of Buildings now erecting at Bellvue, present a favorable opportunity to make the requisite experiment; it is presumed [17] that without making the Alms House the proper assylum for the poor superanuated & worn down Citizen, (who has the strongest claim on public sympathy & charity) a Work house or State prison, much useful industry may be employed and could reasonably be exacted from those who for want of other support are compelled to throw themselves on public bounty or perish. In consequence of the great improvement in labor-saving machinery & the simplicity of operations lately introduced into manufactures generally, a reasonable hope is indulged that a large proportion of all the Tenants may be usefully employed, and that even Children, taken in infancy or in consequence of distress (and whose support greatly enhances this public charge) could be profitably exercised in trades & the lighter

Branches of manufactures, to remunerate the expences of their nurture and be better capacitated to procure a livelyhood and with greater advantages for education & morals than are attainable by being apprenticed abroad

Connected with this is the penitentiary, designed it is presumed for the reception of the sturdy vagrant who depends upon mendicity or theft for a precarious support, and the convict for petty crimes and misdemeanors sent there as [18] a punishment for depredations on the community, or infractions of the peace. Under the management of intelligent commissioners this sluggish & hitherto dormant capital of human strength & talent might be brought into great productive activity. No habits however confirmed or laziness however rivited, but by wholesome regimen & dicipline may be corrected or amended & rendered in a degree productive; to ensure which, a longer confinement than is now customary and which is considered sufficient for corporeal punishment might be required to reimburse by profitable industry this house of correction; as an incentive, a comfortable suit of clothing and a reasonable sum of money, could be afforded to those who are regularly discharged, which would relieve them from the almost absolute necessity of immediately preying on the Community for the most trivial article of food or raiment, for it is a well known fact, that the appearance of most convicts when discharged forbids employ and the only alternative is to beg or steal

It is therefore proposed to introduce into the new establishment at Bellvue a complete system of manufactories under the direction [19] of a board of Commissioners (the Superintendant of the Alms House to be one ex Officio) appointed for a term of years, & not removeable during that term except for mal practices or ineficiency, which will afford them an opportunity to form their plans & carry them into successful opperation, for it must be obvious to all, that however wise the system, it will require time to mature it & Commissioners subject to frequent removal however attentive & capable may be ejected before their plans are ripened or profits realized.

In order to facilitate the opperations of the Commissioners & enable them to avail themselves of any advantageous purchases which offer, they may be allowed a credit at one of the Banks for a sum not exceeding thirty thousand Dollars, the interest on which will always be more than compensated by the advantages of prompt pay. Regular & detailed accounts of their proceedings can be annually or oftener submitted to the Common Council, whose control over the Commissioners

will be beneficially exercised by quarterly inspection in the exercise of their duties, the progress of their system & its products, & the power of circumscribing their opperations (if necessary) by limiting pecuniary aid.

The undersigned has endeavoured to give [20] the outlines of a Plan (details can only be developed in the execution) imperfect he admits but which when corrected & amended by the superior wisdom of the Board, will, he is persuaded conduce to a reduction of the expences of an Establishment by far the most onerous of our City charges & tend to reform the habits of many & perhaps arrest the progress of some, who but for the salutary discipline of a well regulated penitentiary, might plunge deeper & deeper into crime & become subject to severer & more distressing punishments

Submitted &

(Sig^{d}) Tho^{s} R Mercein. Comp^{r}

City & County of New York

Acct of cash received & paid from 31 Dec^{r} 1812 to 31 Dec^{r} 1813

1813	paid for alms House & Bridewell	70000.00
	" Watch	54882.25
	" County Contingencies	46198.09
	" Fire Dept^{mt}	10393.87
	" Roads	3332.56
	" Com^{rs} Streets & Roads	6805.83
	" Wells & Pumps	6163.82
	" Streets	4670.08
	" Repairs	8085.91
	" Lamps	32744.07
	" Signal Poles	315.50
[21]	" for Interest on N Y City Stock	41500.00
	" Police Office	823.49
	" New Alms House	90000.00
	" Washington Market	15000.00
	" New City Hall	24000.00
	" Board of Health	1600.00
	" Defence of the Harbour	31054.75
	" Docks & Slips	10017.10
	" Collect	454.26
	" Common lands	21927.50
	" Canal Street	16157.23
	" Sundry Bonds	11963.09
	Balance in the Treasury 31 Dec^{r} 1813	15580.28
		$523669.68

1812 Decr 31.

By Balance in the Treasury			58.721.34
	Receivd for proceeds of Tax 1812		160367.49
"	"	Tax of 1813 in part	55060.30
"	"	Vendue Sales	52022.32
"	"	Intestate estates	2145.52
"	"	Excise	2500.00
"	"	Rents of Docks & Slips	23508.21
"	"	Rent & Sales of common lands	85476.45
"	"	Ground rent	14667.33
"	"	Water lot rents (Grants since 1804)	7254.62
"	"	Market fees (previous to October)	3589.19
		Mayoralty fees	205.72
[22]	"	for Street manure	4866.51
	"	Ferry Rent	8357.53
	"	Intst on Manhattan Stock	9000.00
	"	Vaults (previous to October)	478.10
	"	Tavern Licenses	7391.30
	"	Bonds payable	28054.75
			$523669.68

(Signed) Thos R Mercein Compr

Which was referred to the Finance Comtee with authority to print such parts of it as they should judge proper

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

F E. Compy No 3.

James Clinch, Acctt 51 Wall St, 1 Wd, vice, Peter DeWitt resd

F E Comp No 6.

Wm Ruckle, Baker, 72 Warren St 5th Wd vice Jas Baldwin removd

F E Comp No 7

Jonn Carlton, Carpenter, 32 Oak St 4th Wd vice Elias Kent expeld

F E Comp No 14

Jos C Wright Blockmaker, 303 Washington St 3d Wd vice C Weatherspoon resd

F E Compy 28

George Mason, Dealer Hester St, 6 Wd vice Martin Silver resgd
Samuel A Savage, Grocer, Hester St 6 Wd, vice Wm Station Do

[23] F E Compy No 33

John Downs, rope maker, Scammel St	7th Wd	}	additionl Men
George Miller, carpenter Do	Do		
Thomas Price Brass founder Grand St	10 Wd		
Wm J Baxter Carpenter Hester St	7 Wd		
Azariah Jones Plummer Scammel St	7 Wd		

F E Compy No 36.

Joseph Tompkins, Cartmen, Spring St 8th Wd vice L E Brown resd
Benjamin Christie, Do Do Do
vice Duncan Douglass Do

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each. Viz for regulating Mangin St from Grand to Broome St—for paving Vesey St from Washington St to the Dock—for a Well & pump in Harman St—for repaving Washington St between Vesey & Barclay St

Ordered that Warrants issued in favor of John Randell Junr for $1000 on Acct of surveys by him made and for $771.87 for Monuments set up being the balance due for the same

Resolved that Francis Gantz be and he is hereby appointed Fire Warden of the 7th Ward vice Benjn Banks removed from the Ward

[24] Resolved that the Staves of Office to be worn at fires by the members of the Common Council be similarly constructed with those lately made & the Members furnished therewith; and that the Justices of the police, and the Superintendant of Repairs be furnished with Staves to be used on like occasions

The following Resolution presented by Mr King was read & agreed to

Resolved that the several proprietors of Hamilton Square be permitted after they reconvey the same to the corporation to occupy the same as tenants at will free of rent during the pleasure of the Common Council they executing & delivering to the Comptroller a memorandum in writing stating the terms on which they hold the same, and that they be allowed one month after notice to remove their improvements

Ordered that the Canal Street Committee be requested to confer with the Members of the Legislature from this City and explain to them the views & wishes of this Board on the subject of Canal Street

[25] Resolved that the Chairman of the Committee of laws be requested to examine the Title Deeds of the Lots in Hamilton Square about to be reconveyed by the present owners to the Corporation & that upon the certificate of the said Chairman that the Comptroller accept said reconveyance.

The Council of the Board being interested and having requested the Board to excuse him from attending to this duty.

Resolved that it be referred to a special Committee to enquire what

alterations if any are proper to be made in the organization of the Offices of City Inspector Street Commissioner and any other Office held under the Board—committee appointed were Mr Nitchie Mr Mann Mr Lawrence

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to enquire of the Commissioners for opening 3d 8th & 10th Avenues what progress has been made therein and report to the Board such information as he shall receive in the premises

Resolved that the Council be directed to prepare [26] a Memorial to the Legislature & a Bill to be enacted into a Law correspondent therewith on the subject of increase of the rates of the Ferry at Brooklyn & agreably to the terms of the lease of said Ferry from this Board to William Cutting & Robert Fulton, and that the same be duly authenticated & forthwith transmitted to the Legislature.

A Member stating that he had business to propose requiring secrecy, the Doors were closed. Resolved that a Committee be appointed to endeavour to purchase the water rights of individuals. at Beekman Slip.

The Comptroller Reported

Accounts audited and paid during the recess of the Board

Hays & Bogart city Watch	.....	694.75
Farrington & White "	.....	621.25
Holden & Lawrence "	.....	474.25
Hedden & Angevine "	.....	339.50
		$2129.75

which were agreed to

He then reported

Cash in the Treasury	.....	$40027.42
Warrants not presented	.....	260.00
		$39767.42

[27] Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

DeWitt Clinton Mayor fr 12 Feb to 12 Nov 3 Qrs	.....	5250.00
J Morton, City Inspr & recvr Clerk 1 Qr to 10 Jany	.....	437.50
J Bloodgood Coroner 10th Oct to 10th Jany	.....	230.13
The Comptroller for Inspecrs & Clerks of late Congresl Election & for a Constable in 2d Wd	.....	216.00
M Ackerman Keepr Potters field to 1 Jany	.....	46.50
Wm M Summers Inspr Bread 1 Qr	.....	80.63
T Sully for Portrait Coln Williams (By ord Bd)	.....	102.00
C Mooney Acct pavr Cherry St	.....	400.00

J Wallace Acct Drain in Ferry St	500.00
A Smyth pavg in Vesey St & adjact to Washingn Market	628.65
Do Balc repavg Washingn St	430.20
Do Pavg Partition St	486.17
T & G Lovett fillg & regulag Corpn Lot near Corlears Hok	65.50
E Jenning Supdt Lamps to 11 Jany	566.18
D Stilwell repairs to Pumps &c	93.68
J Richardson cleang Well &c	18.24
Wm Stratton repairg Wells	61.00
Heny Brush " Pumps	43.00
M Banks iron Work for Do	16.31
M Reid 1 Instlmt Well Pump Harman St	112.13
Do Balc " " Cherry St	97.50
Do Do " " Broome St	73.50
Do " " Oak St	178.25
R Furman Treasr N Alms House	5000.00
[28] Richard Furman Superintendant of the Alms House	5000.00
R Furman for Washington Market	2500.00
J R Livingston for payment of a Lot of Ground purchased by the Committee on the Fire department	1000.00
Committee of Defence for balance due for the pay & supply of the Gun Boats employed by the Corporation as agreed on by the Committee 10th Jany	3346.55
	$26979.70
Balance in the Treasury	$12787.72

[29] In Common Council Jany 24th 1814

Present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Augusn H Lawrence	
Charles Dickenson		Gideon Tucker	
Peter McCartee		Mott Cannon	
Thomas R Smith		Asa Mann	
Jonathan Lawrence		Arthur Burtis	
George Buckmaster		Wm A Hardenbrook	
Peter H Wendover		Noah Brown	
Reuben Munson.			

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

The Council presented a Grant to Mr John R Murray, for a Water Lot lying between Hubert and Laight Street and also a Grant to Mr John Jacob Astor for a Water Lot adjoining the above Lot which grants were ordered to be duly executed.

A Letter from William Shephard and others [30] a Committee of safety and relief from Canandaigua was presented by the Mayor stating that by the late incursion of the Enemy the Inhabitants of Niagara and Genessee Counties have been driven from their homes and are reduced to the last degree of Want and sorrow that contributions have been made for their relief by the Inhabitants of that Village and soliciting further aid. The same having been read the Recorder rose and in an address of great feeling depicted the distressing situation of our Brethren on the western Frontiers and presented the following Resolutions which having been read were unanimously adopted.

Whereas it appears from a Communication addressed to the Mayor of this City, that the most calamitous events have occurred on the Western Frontier of the State, whereby an extensive Country has been entirely depopulated & thousands of our fellow citizens have been driven from their habitations destitute of the necessaries of life, and exposed to the rigors of the season, and to all the privations and evils of poverty. and it being incumbent on us at [31] all times to humble ourselves before the Almighty to supplicate his mercy, and more especially at the present time to pray that the calamities which afflict our Country may be removed, and that those which menace us may be averted

It is therefore Resolved that Wednesday the 2d February next be set apart as a day of fasting humiliation and prayer, and the people of this City are requested to abstain from all business and labor on that day and to assemble in their respective places of worship & devote themselves with humble & contrite hearts to the offices of religion, and to those devotional exercises which are suitable to an occasion so solemn and a crisis so important to the well being of our Country

Resolved that the sum of three thousand Dollars be and hereby is appropriated out of the City Treasury towards the relief of our Brethren of the West; That it be respectfully recommended to the different religious Congregations of this City to cause collections to be made for the same purpose in their respective Churches on the day above set apart, as a day of fasting humiliation and prayer and to deposit the same with the Mayor of this City, who is hereby requested to transmit [32] such contributions together with this donation, to the Committee of safety and relief at Canandaigua to be expended under their Direction for the benefit of the Sufferers on our Western Frontiers.

A Petition that Watts Street may be regulated from Sullivan to

the center of the Block between Varrick & Hudson Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner

A further Petition of Charles Smith & Wife on the subject of the rent of the Dock at Courtlandt Street was read and ordered that petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition

A Petition of Thomas Mook for Stand in the Market at the Foot of Grand Street was read and granted.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the 10th Ward praying that a Watchman may be stationed in First Street was read and referred to the Watch Committee

A Petition of Lewis Evens to be appointed [33] a Street Inspector was read and referred to the Committee on applications.

A Petition from Benjamin Davis for Stall N° 39 Fly Market—from Abraham Vermilyea for N° 24 Washington Market held by Mr Kline—from sundry Butchers in the Fly Market praying to be permitted to stand in the Fish Market at said Market—from Jonathan Winship for stand in Corlears Hook Market & from Wm Appleby for Stand in Gouverneurs Market were severally read & refered to the Market Committee

A Letter from Anthony Dey was read stating that the establishment of the steam Boat at Paules Hook had induced a great number of Waggons to pass to this City and it became necessary to establish some place for their resort to prevent their incumbering the Street in the vicinity of the Ferry—whereupon ordered that the Council report an ordinance authorizing his Honor the Mayor from time to time to assign places for their resort & to make the necessary regulations respecting the same

A Communication from Joseph F Mangin [34] on the subject of a Plan for Canal Street was read and refered to the Canal Committee & Street Commissioner

A Memorial from Frederick DePeyster stating some objections to the terms of the Water Lot grant proposed to be issued to him was read and refered to the Finance Committee & Comptroller

A Memorial was received from Wm Palmer Administrator of James Cheetham Deceasd stating that a Lot of land belonging to the Estate of the Deceased was situated in that part of the City laid out and reserved in the Commissioners Map as the Parade that debts to the amount of $7500 were due from the Estate which cannot be satisfied but from the sale of that Estate. that under the embarassment with which the Act of the Legislature has incumbered that property it

cannot be sold but to a very great disadvantage and praying the loan of that sum to be secured by Mortgage on the Premises, Ordered to be refered to the Finance Committee and Comptroller.

A Memorial from the Police Magistrates [35] requesting that a Room which was at first assigned to them, but which has latterly been given to the U S Loan officer might be restored to them was read & refered to the Bu[i]lding Com^tee

A Petition from Fire Engine Company N° 21 for an addition of two Men to their Company—And a Petition from N° 7 for a larger Engine were read & refered to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Remonstrance against the assessment for the Drain in Broad Street was presented and was refered together with the whole of that subject to the Committee on assessments and Street Commissioner

A Memorial from sundry Inhabitants of the 4^th Ward complaining of the riotous conduct of persons on the Sabbath was read and refered to the High Constable with orders to see that the Law on that subject was enforced.

A Petition of Jacob Mabie to be appointed an Inspector of wood was read and Petitioner was appointed Inspector of 14^th District in conjunction with M^r Brookens the present incumbent.

[36] A Petition of D M^cCarthy to be permitted to place building materials in the Street was refered to the Alderman & Assistant of the 7 Ward to report thereon.

The Comptroller on the Petition of Henry Titus reported that the prayer of the Petition was unreasonable and ought not to be granted which was approved.

The Comptroller on the Petition of Dominick Lynch, Jasper Lynch, John Youle, Abraham Leggett. George Buckmaster, Henry Laight Edward W Laight Benjamin Laight and Maria Laight reported that the facts as stated in the Petition were true and recommended that grants issue on the terms proposed and that the Quit rent commence from the first of May 1811. which was approved

The following Persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Hook & Ladder Comp^y N° 3.

Anthony Hancock, Cartman, N° 94 Chaple St, 5 W^d,
vice W^m Bleakly res^d

Peter Egbert, Carpenter, Vandam S^t, 8^th W^d vice James Mills D°

F. E. Compy No 41

Charles Garret, Rope Maker, Stanton St 10th Wd,
vice Chancy Carter Do

[37] F E Compy No 40

George Cheesman, Grocer, 41 Banker St, 4th Wd
vice, James Chivis resgd
Andrew Smith, Shoemaker, Mulberry St 6th Wd,
vice Wm Ruckle Do

F E Compy No 37

Thomas Willett, Mercht, 47 3d St, 10 Wd vice, Jacob Westerfield, Do

F E Compy No 34

Daniel Felten, Milkman, Greenwich St 8th Wd,
vice Richd G Rider Do

F E Compy No 32

Enock Dean, Shoemaker, No 67 Bowy, 10 Wd vice Benjn Briggs Do
James Strickland, Grocer, 95 Bowery, 10 Wd, vice John Gordon Do

F E Compy No 30

James Austine, Rope maker, Orchard St, 10th Wd,
vice, Dudley Mason Do
John Denning, Blacksmith, Fourth St, 10 Wd,
vice, Stephen Crane Do
Martin Simpson, Manufacturer, 300 Bowy, 10 Wd,
vice, Griffith Griffiths Do

F E Compy No 22.

William Willett, Carpenter, No 35 Hester St, 10 Wd,
vice, David Wilson Deceasd
John Griffin, Ship Joiner, 29 Mott St, 6 Wd,
vice Edward Cauley resgd
Andrew Tuley, Cordwainer, 28 Wall St, 1 Wd,
vice Cornls Conklin Do
Edmund Anderson, Carpenter, 157 Division St, 7 Wd,
vice, Natl Ward Do

F E Compy No 7.

Peter Williams, Bookbinder, 218 Wm St, 4th Wd,
vice John Minuse Do

The Street Commissioner on the Petition for opening and regulating North Street from the Bowery to the East River reported in favor of

the Petition, which was approved and the Council was directed to take the [38] legal measures for effecting the same.

The Street Commissioner agreably to direction reported That the Commissioners on the 3d & 8th avenues have the Report for the 3d Avenue nearly compleat—that, for the 8th will be completed by March

The Commissioners on the 10th avenue will not be able to report before April. tho' they have made considerable progress in the business—as one of the Commissioners is at Albany and the other at Washington

The Commissioners on the First Avenue inform me that they will report by the 15th March at farthest respectfully submittd

The Street Commissioner and Comptroller on the Petition of Robert McComb Reported that they recommend that a Lease be granted to Mr McComb of the said Island for the term of twenty one Years for a nominal rent the said lease to contain a covenant on the part of this Board for a renewal thereof, on such terms as may then be agreed on On this express condition however that the said Robert McComb shall surrender the said Island and Lease to this Board without any cost or charge whatsoever whenever the said Island shall be required

[39] (Signed) John McComb Junr St Comsr
Thos R Mercein Compr

Which was approved

The Street Commissioner on the petitions for regulating Varrick Street and part of Sullivan Street reported in favor of Petitioners which was approved and he was directed to report ordinances accordingly.

The Canal Committee presented a report on the subject of Canal Street which was read and ordered to lie for consideration

The Committee on the Fire Department on the petition of Israel Haviland reported that enquiry has been made as to the actual residence of Wynant Van Zandt Esqr and is as above stated and further that it is not known when he will again remove into the City your Committee therefore recommend that the request of Israel Haviland to fill the vacancy be granted—all which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) William A Hardenbrook
Peter McCartee
Arthur Burtis

which was approved and Israel Haviland was appointed Fire Warden in place of W VnZandt

[40] The Committee on the Fire Department reported, on so much of the Chief Engrs report as relates to Fire Engine No 39 (Crosby's Patent). That in their opinion a full and sufficient trial has been made of this, said to be a new invented Engine and altho' it was represented to the Chairman of this Committee among others that an Engine built on this Plan would not cost to exceed three hundred Dollars when others cost seven hundred this was an inducement for a former Committee to recommend a trial of the Plan as 400 Dollars was to be saved in every new Engine which might be wanted by the Corporation, but contrary to expectation she did actually cost as much as the other Engines, she has been in use about eighteen months during which time from continually giving way she has cost for repairing as much as would purchase an additional Engine of the common size, those facts together with her now being again out of order, your Committee thinks are sufficient reasons to recommend that the Crosby Patent Engines be abandoned by this Board and to save further waste of money your Committee be authorised [41] to have No 39 altered and made according to the old plan

all of which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Wm A Hardenbrook
Peter McCartee
Arthur Burtis

Which was approved.

Resolved that hereafter the Street Commissioner advertize in the public papers for one week All Assessments that are made by this Board before they are presented to the Board for confirmation

The following Resolution was proposed by Aldn Smith and agreed to

Resolved that the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen & Assistants of the several Wards be and they are hereby authorised to disburse to the poor and necessitous of their respective Wards, if they deem it proper any sum not exceeding one hundred Dollars by any Alderman or Assistant; and at any time prior to the first day of april next: which disbursements shall be refunded out of the public Monies, by the Superintendant of the Alms House, on producing to him a regular [42] account of the same the person affording such aid to notify, without delay, the Superintendant, whom he has assisted and where they reside

Resolved that the Council be directed to prepare a Memorial to the Legislature and a Bill to be enacted into a Law corresponding there-

with to alter the period of advertizing Lots to be sold for non payment of assessments from six months to three months

Resolved that the law relative to the opening of Streets &c be referred to the Council to consider whether some amendment may not be devised as to the appointment of Commissioners which will tend to give more promptness and efficacy to the measure

A Member stating he had business to introduce which required secrecy the doors were closed. Mr Lawrence chairman of the Committee of Finance presented the following, The Committee of Finance respectfully solicit the attention of the Board, to a private and very important communication made by the Comptroller in the month of August last, suggesting the propriety [43] of endeavouring to obtain from the United States, the property now held by them in the rear of the present Custom House, by giving therefor an equivalent in ground equally or more advantageous to them, and paying in cash if required for the buildings erected thereon. The Board very properly in the opinion of your committee approved the measure and directed him to commence a negociation for that purpose, which has been done and is now in a situation to require the aid of the Board to give it effect. Your committee forbear enumerating the great advantage that would result from the proposed plan, both as it regards the fiscal concerns of the Corporation and the great improvement of the City which must be obvious to all—As it will require an act of Congress to complete *to* proceedings in this case and as considerable address, and much attention & perseverance is generally required to effect the passage of an act of a local nature. The Comtee think it would be expedient, and recommend the sending of Commissioners to Washington for that purpose. As the Comptroller (allways attentive to the interests of the corporation) originated the plan, and has as yet been alone engaged in its prosecution they respectfully recommend that he and Major James Fairlie (who has evinced much solicitude in this affair, & whose standing here & acquaintance at Washington, particularly fit him for that purpose) be commisrs to carry into effect the wishes of the Board on this subject—And as an act of this State will also be required the council of the Board has been instructed to prepare a memorial & Bill for the Legislature & also a memorial to the President of the United States which with a Resolution embracing the views of the Committee on this subject are herewith presented

(Sigd) A H Lawrence Reuben Munson
Jonn Lawrence. J Mapes & J Nitchie

which was approved & the following Resolution adopted.

Resolved that James Fairlie & Thos R Mercein be commissioners, on the part of the Common Council of New York, with full powers to negociate an exchange of property with the Government of the U States for the property now held by them in the rear of the Custom House in such manner as they may deem most conducive to the interests of the Corporation

[44] The Comptroller reported

Accounts audited and paid since the last Meeting.

Hays & Bogert City Watch	694.75
Farrington & White Do	621.25
Hedden & Angevine Do	481.25
Holden & Lawrence Do	339.50
	$2136.75

Which were agreed to

He further reported

Cash in the Treasury	$14961.97

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts

E & P Dobbs for Docks & Slips 1813 adjstd by Comte	3591.46
J W Mulligan Inst on bond to D Woolsey due 27 Decr $2000. 6 pc	120.00
Mrs Woolsey " " " "	279.65
Gould Banks & Gould for Laws of the several States & revised laws of this State by Resr Bd	445.05
S Ludlam Maps, Surveys St Comr Office 1813	661.59
A Corning " " " " 1813	493.91
S Walker Posting Bills St Comsr & Inspr Office	11.50
S Nichols stove pipes & repairs to Stoves in Engine Watch Houses & City Hall	111.81
D S Jones. Salry as Council Bd 1 Year	500.00
J Smith reprs to Fire Engc No 3	33. 4
J Richardson cleans Wells	15.87
B Skaats 2 Boxes Candles	15.89
R Moran Acct Arrundle St	246.00
[45] R Moran Acct Broad Way	329.52
A Smith " Greenwich	400.00
R Furman Supdt Alms House	5000.00
J Wallace reprs $700 1 Yrs Salry due 10th inst $450	1150.00
J Hardcastle 1 Qrs printing to 10th Jany	128.39
Ths R Mercein Compr balc Acct due 1 Feby	635.00
J Burjeau Peace Officers Congresnl Electn	143.00
	$14.317.75
Balance in the Treasury	$544.22

[46] In Common Council Febʸ 7 1814

present The Honˡ De Witt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqʳ Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	John Nitchie
Jonas Mapes	Joseph W Brackett
Charles Dickenson	Augusⁿ H Lawrence
Peter McCartee	Gideon Tucker
Thomas R Smith	Mott Cannon
Jonathan Lawrence	Asa Mann
George Buckmaster	Arthur Burtis
Peter H Wendover	Wᵐ A Hardenbrook
Nicholas Fish	Noah Brown
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved

This being the period of the quarterly visitation of the Alms House and Bridewell the Board performed that duty

A memorial of sundry Inhabitants praying that the Exchange Market may be removed and a new one erected at the Old Slip between Water and Front Street [47] was read and referred to the Market Committee

A Petition of Fire Engine Company N° 23 for a larger Engine was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department

A Petition of Joseph Varrick for appointment of Inspector of Bread was read and laid on the Table

A Petition of Israel Wood for appointment of Inspector of fire wood in wood Yards between the foot of Murray Street and the North Battery and from thence to Broadway was read and granted.

A Petition of John Van Orden, of Bernardus Ryder of James Heath of Peter R Sprainger for appointment of Street Inspector of Robert Matthews for appointment of Wood Inspector and of John Edwards as Sealer of weights and of Abraham Lefoy for keeper of Potters Field were read and severally referred to the Committee on applications

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the Third Ward praying that a Pump on the [48] South side of Partition Street opposite Church Street may be removed was refered to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner

A Petitioner of John Wilmurt a Watchman of the 1ˢᵗ District complaining of his suspension and praying to be restored was read and refered to the Watch Committee

A further memorial from the City Weighers praying an encrease of their allowance for weighing was read and refered to the former

Committee on that subject—and Alder[n] Mapes was appointed on that Committee in place of M[r] King absent (Committee. Mapes, Smith, Burtis)

A Communication from the Rev[d] Alexander M[c]Leod John M Mason & J R Mathews enclosing sundry Resolutions of several of the Clergy of the City stating the reasons why they decline keeping the 2[d] of February as a day of fasting humiliation and prayer as requested by the Common Council was read and ordered to be filed

A Letter from John B Coles Esq[r] Member of [49] Assembly from the City stating that an application was made to the Legislature by the Steam Boat Ferry Company from New York to the City of Jersey at Paules Hook praying an act of Incorporation and enclosing a copy of a Bill presented to the Legislature for that purpose, was read and refered to the Ferry Committee

A Petition from the Lamp lighters praying that they may receive a monthly compensation for their services in lieu of the present pay per lamp, was referred to the Lamp Committee

A Petition of sundry Boatmen who supply the City with Hay, praying that the Hay Cartmen may be directed by ordinance to give security to indemnify persons intrusting them with the carting and sale of Hay, was read and refered to the Committee on laws.

A Petition of William Correy praying to be released from an assessment for a Well corner of James and Oak Street was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

[50] A Memorial of Moses Rogers stating that he had invented a Machine to be employed in moving a Boat by the strength of animals which would be useful on Ferries and praying the grant of a Ferry on the usual terms at such place as the Common Council should judge advantageous to the public and to Petitioner was read and refered to the Ferry Committee

A Petition of P. G. Stuyvesant stating that he is proprietor of land which will be required to open the Third Avenue. That tho' the avenue was three Years past ordered to be opened nothing has yet been done in it that he has two houses standing on said ground but on account of the uncertainty when the land will be required by the public he cannot rent them and praying that the Corporation will agreably to the authority vested in them by the law on that subject agree with him for the value of those Houses independent of the ground—Ordered to be refered to the Comptroller & Council

A Petition for a Well & Pump corner of Essex and division Street was read and [51] refered to the alderman & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner to report ordinance therefor

A Petition of John Gray. George Jacobs. Richard Harper & Mary Howard praying remission of penalties incurred under the law respecting Pawnbrokers and that said law may be so amended as not to include dealers in second hand Furniture were read and refered to the Council.

A Representation was received from the Magistrates of police, that on the 18th ultmo the Store of Garrit Forbes was robbed and they discovered that the Felons were in Philadelphia—that Saml Montgomery one of the Marshals of this City going to Philadelphia as a Witness in a case of murder, they instructed him to endeavour to procure the arrest of the villains, which he effected and they are now lodged in Bridewell—that to accomplish this some expenses have been incurred, but the Police Magistrates possess no funds to discharge them and they therefore solicit the payment of the same by the Common Council.

Ordered that it be refered to the Committee [52] on Police with authority to direct a warrant to issue for such sum as they shall judge proper.

A Memorial from sundry Lessees of Lots which will be affected by opening the Third Avenue, complaining of the injuries they have sustained by the delay of proceedings for opening said Avenue and offering to cede the proportions of their Lots to be taken for said Avenue on being discharged from the conditions of their leases &c ordered to be refered to the Comptroller & Council

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the 10th Ward complaining of disorderly conduct of sundry persons and praying a Watchman may be stationed in Grand Street was read and refered to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of sundry Masters of Sloops frequenting the Albany Basin praying and additio[nal] Pier may be built in the center Basin before the inner Basin is filled up. Order to be referred to the Aldern & Assistant of the 1st & 8th Wards.

The following persons were appointed Firemen [53] the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

Floating Engine

Richard Adair, Grocer, 27 Henry St, 7th Wd,
vice Wm Smith, Clothier, removd fr City.

F E Compy No 2.

John Oakley, Grocer, 23 Division St, 10th Wd,
vice Edwd Brown Do

F E Compy No 3.

Duncan McKitchiner, Cooper, 16 Cliff St, 2d Wd,
vice John Gunter resd

F E Compy No 26.

Ephriam Force, Brass Foundr, 6 Orchard St 10th Wd,
vice John Buckley Do
Walter Wiggins, Mason, 188 Bancker St, 7th Wd,
vc John Carpenter Do
Abm Thorp, Cabnt maker, 20 Suffolk St, 10th Wd,
vice Rich Carpenter Do

F E Compy No 28.

John Bell, Boot Maker,
Mercer St, 8 Wd, vice Wm Lyons left the City
John Frost, Butcher, Spring St " " Wm A Savage Do
John M Tenbroeck Butcher
Spring St " " George Edwards, Do
Henry Joroleman Do Do " " Calvin Cower Do

F E Compy No 33

Obadiah Newcomb Jr, Carpenter, Broom St 10th Wd } additional
Joseph Lyons Jr Cherry St 7 Wd } men
Sacket Brown, Carpenter, Montgomery St, 7 Wd,
vice J A Robb left City
Phillip Laver, Carpenter, Harman St 7 W, " George Miller Do
Samuel Banta, Baker, scammel St 7 Wd, " John Stackhouse Do

F. E. Compy No 40

Jonathan Shearwood, Hs. Carpentr, Brome St, 8th Wd
vice Sol H Marsh resd
Daniel M Baker, Shoemaker, 56 Bowy 6th Wd " John Conar Dd

The Watch Committee to whom was refered the [54] complaint of Garrit J Van Wagenen against Jacob Hays. Reported That they summoned the parties to appear before them, with their witnesses previous to the last meeting of the Board. Hays attended with nearly all his watch—Van Wagenen was not in Town and of course did not appear The Committee proceeded to examine several of the Watchmen touching the charges brought against Hays and found them altogether ignorant of any mal conduct on the part of Hays in the discharge of his duty

A second communication was received from Van Wagenen stating his arival in Town pledging himself to prove the charges contained

in his first [complaint], if an opportunity was offered him, and naming the Witnesses he wished to have examined, another meeting was therefore ordered, when the Parties severally attended, The Committee proceeded to examine under oath all the Witnesses named by Mr Van Wagenen, except one who was absent, but whose affidavit before one of the special Justices touching his knowledge of the conduct of Captn Hays was produced.

After a very full and thorough investigation [55] it not only appeared by all the Testimony adduced by Van Wagenen, that the charges brot against Hays were destitute of truth, but that there was not the least foundation on which to rest them on the contrary it was abundantly proved that Captn Hays was active and vigilant in the discharge of the trust reposed in him and that he was not only justified in discharging Van Wagenen, but it would have been subversive of all dicipline and a direlection of his duty had he failed to do so

(Signed) J Mapes
G Buckmaster
P H Wendover
Charles Dickenson

Which was approved

The Council reported a Lease to Robert McComb for a small Island in Harlaem River agreably to a Report of the Comptroller and Street Commissioner on 24th ulto which was ordered to be executed

The building Committee to whom was refered the request of the Police Magistrates for an additional Room Reported that they have taken into consideration the matter refered [56] to them and recommend that there be appropriated for this purpose those Rooms in the Watch apartments which were intended for the temporary confinement of females who might be taken up during the night by Watchmen and that the Superintendant of repairs furnish the Police Magistrates with an additional Key to the main Door of the Watch apartments for that purpose

all which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Thomas R Smith
Jonathan Lawrence
Arthur Burtis
Nicholas Fish
A H Lawrence

Which was approved.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of William Palmer Administrator of James Cheetham reported that after mature deliberation they are of opinion that it is inexpedient to grant the Prayer of the same—Which was approved

The Council to whom had been refered a Report of the Comptroller of the 26th april [57] last on the application of trinity Church for the ground where the old Greenwich Road formerly ran Reported, That the Corporation of Trinity Church have executed a Deed of cession to the Corporation of the City of New York of all the Streets running thro the Church property between North Moore Street and Christopher Street and have offered to deliver the same upon receiving a release from the Common Council of that part of Old Greenwich Road which lies between Hamersly Street and Christopher Street and which by the late regulation of Streets in that part of the City is no longer required as a Street

Under the impression that a Resolution had been passed by the Board directing such release to be executed the Council prepared the one which is herewith presented; but upon examining the Minutes instead of the Resolution which he thought had passed he found that the Board on the 12th October 1812 had "authorized the Corporation "of Trinity Church to enclose the above me[n]tioned part of the said "old Greenwich Road at any time after the first day of April then "next on condition that they should comp[l]ete their [58] Deed "of Cession of certain Streets" and further that on the "day of April last the Comptroller reported to the board "That the "vestry of Trinity Church had declined making the required cession "unless the Common Council would release to them the part of "Greenwich Road which they had been so authorized to enclose and "the Comptroller suggested the propriety of a reference to the Coun-"cil of the board as to the right of the Common Council to give the "proposed release" This Report if sent to the Council must have been mislaid in his office, as he had no knowledge of the reference to him at the time of his examination of the minutes as above mentioned.

In deciding the question submitted it becomes expedient to inquire in whom the right to the premises in question exists; as it would be improper for the Common Council to give the release if such right should be in any person other than the Corporation of this City or the Corporation of Trinity Church.

The Common Council having altered the course of Greenwich Street the premises [59] in question in consequence of such altera-

tion were no longer required for a Street—Whenever this takes place the ground which forms the Street becomes again the property of the original owner—if such Owner had gratuitously ceded the ground to the Corporation for a Street or had suffered the public to acquire a right of way over it by uninterupted possession for a definite length of time; but if the Corporation had acquired the ground for the Street under and by virtue of the acts of the Legislature which have been passed relative to the opening of Streets, and the owner has received compensation for the loss of his ground the Council is of opinion that the Corporation would upon the shutting up of the Street become entitled to the ground which had formed such Street and be at liberty to sell or dispose of it as they might see fit

The premises in question have for so many years past formed part of the Greenwich Road that it is not easy to determine by whom or in what manner the Street was opened. But as the Corporation of Trinity Church own the Ground on each side of these premises, the probability is [60] that they opened this Street for their own accomodation through their own land: and the Common Council doubtless acted upon this belief when by the Resolution of October 12th 1812 they authorized the Corporation of Trinity Church to enclose the Ground—If the fact be so the Corporation of Trinity Church became entitled to the premises in question as soon as they ceased to be required for the Street. But if the Street was opened according to the directions of the acts of the Legislature, then upon shutting up the Street the right to the premises would be vested in the Common Council—In either view of the subject therefore the Council sees no objection to the proposed release—inasmuch as there appears no reason to doubt that the right to the premises exists either in the Common Council or the Corporation of Trinity Church and as the Release contains no covenants of Warranty or Seism if the Board have no title they incur no responsibility

respectfully submitted

(Sigd) D S Jones.

Which was approved and the Release [61] directed to be executed

The Council agreably to order presented a Memorial to the Legislature and a Bill to be enacted into a Law relative to the collection of assessments—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

The Comptroller presented the following

The Comptroller begs leave to call the attention of the Common Council to the Report made by him on the 1st November last rela-

tive to the water Lot to be granted to Peter Fenton. The application being made by Mr Fenton a short time previous to the making of that report—the Comptroller presumed that the Grantee would be bound to take his grant at the present rates and accordingly so reported to the Board, he has since ascertained (by the minutes of the Common Council) that the last application was merely a repitition of former application, and he is satisfied that the applicant is entitled to a grant on the terms on which grants were formerly made; he therefore submits to the Board the propriety of rescinding the former Report [52] and of ordering the grant to be made on the terms which were usual before the present rates were established

respectfully submitted

(Signed) Thos R Mercein Compr

Which was approved.

The Council accordingly presented a Grant conformably to said report which was ordered to be duly executed. The Comptroller also reported that the period for which the Hay scales were rented would soon expire whereupon the subject was refered to the Finance Committee.

The Council agreably to order presented an ordinance entitled "a Law authorizing the Mayor to assign stands for waggons trans- "porting merchandize to and from the City of New York" which was read by paragraphs and passed.

The Street Commissioner on the Petition for regulating Watts Street reported in favor of petitioner which was approved

He also presented an ordinance for regulating Sullivan Street from the Ditch [63] to Canal Street and for regulating Varrick Street from Laight to Canal Street which were passed and William Stilwell John Brown and Lemuel Skidmore were appointed assessors in each. The Street Commissioner presented the following assessments which having been advertized and no objections being made thereto were confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector in each—viz for Wells & Pumps in Lewis St near Delancy St—in Charles St Greenwich —and in Harman St—for opening Leonard St at Orange St & for regulating Division St from Arundle to Grand Street.

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of Patrick Flaherty, Reported that the facts stated in the petition are true viz that Patrick Flaherty did contract to sink a Well in Scammel Street for $5.75 per Foot which was too low a price, as the next lowest offer was at nine Dollars per foot probably eight Dollars would have been a fair price

The whole expence of compleeting the Well	$383.06
amount as per contract	270.25
Balance against the contract	112.81
Amount of Profits on 3 Wells sunk by Petrs after allowing them for their own labor at $2 pr day	94.21
	$18.60

[64] So that if $18..60 be allowed them they will have sunk these four Wells without any profit

which is respectfully submitted

Which was approved, and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant for $18.60 for payment of the same.

Contracts for sinking piers and a Bulkhead at Brooklyn Ferry, by Jacob Halsey and John Anderson were presented by the Street Commissioner and were refered to the Council for examination and if correct, the same were ordered to be duly executed

A Statement was presented by the Comptroller on the subject of the Scool money which was refered to Mr Lawrence Aldern Mesier Aldern Jonn Lawrence

The following Resolution was presented by Aldern Mapes

Resolved that a special Committee be appointed to take into consideration that part of the Comptrollers report recommending a new organization of the Alms House Establishment and that they [65] report such plan for the better government thereof as they may deem most conducive to the public good, also whether any, and if any what Legislative aid will be required to carry the same into effect.

Which was refered to Aldern Fish Jonn Lawrence Munson Mr Nitchie Brackett

A Resolution on the subject of the Receiving Clerk of the Common Council was presented & laid on the Table.

Aldern Mapes and the Comptroller to whom had been refered the subject of the purchase of the Water right at Beekman Slip from Mr P Schermerhorn & Mr George Codwise reported

[66] The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury Jany 31st 1814	8199.48
Warrants not presented "	1009.80
	$7189.68

Accounts audited and paid during the recess of the Board, agreed to by the Finance Comtee

Hays & Bogert Watch	694.75
Farrington & White Do	621.25
Holden & Lawrence Do	474.25
Hedden & Angevine Do	339.50
J McComb Jr Salry St Comsr to 12 Inst	750.00
B Hicks Asst C Inspr for Jany	62.00
J Hardie " " " "	62.50
S Green " St Inspr for Jany	52.00
A B Holmes " " "	52.00
C E Duncan " " "	52.00
M Ackerman Keepr Potters field "	45.00
M Reid Acct Well Pump William St	81.20
A Moran " pavg Arundle St	300.00
C Mooney " " Cherry "	500.00
C Oneil reprs to Wells &c	24.55
P H Wendover. Cash advanced for Greenwch Market pr order 10 Jany	46.18
Ainsley & Vn Dyke 10 Casks Lamp oil	1276.76
R Furman Treasr Washington Market	1000.00
	$6433.94
Balac in Treasury	$755.74

[67] He further Reported

Feby 7 1814 Cash in the Treasury	$8759.38
Warrants not presend	1421.29
	$7338.09

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

R Graves Asst St Comsr 1 Decr to 1 Feby	135.00
J D Vecchio Frame for Portrt Coln J Williams	35.00
Prior & Dunning Blank Books and Stationary for Comptrollers Office	40.50
Wm Stilwell & others Assessg Sundry Sts &c	276.00
H Brush reprs to Pumps. &c	91.75
Wm Stratton cleang Wells &c	61.87
M Banks Iron work for Pumps	23.68
P Allison proporn of Corporatn reprs to Peck Slip	147.31
A Rooke keepr Signal Poles in full	82.50
T Stewart pavg Intersns Several St pr order St Comsr	116.81
R Furman Supdt Alms House	5000.00
P & E Dobb for Slip foot Jay St. (proporn of Corporation)	927.89
T Shaw carriage hire &c adjusted by Finance Comtee	23.00
	$6961.31
Balance in the Treasury	$376.78

[68] In Common Council Feb^{y} 14 1814

present The Hon^{l} De Witt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq^{r} Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John Nichie	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Augustine H Lawrence	
Charles Dickenson		Mott Cannon	
Peter McCartee		Asa Mann	
Thomas R Smith		Arthur Burtis	
George Buckmaster		Wm A Hardenbrook	
Nicholas Fish		Noah Brown	
Reuben Munson			
Peter H Wendover			

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Memorial of sundry Inhabitants in favor of Elijah Valentine who had been complained against as having built his Porch or Stoop further in the Street than warranted by the ordinance and stating that said stoop was no injury but rather a convenience to the neighbourhood, was refered to the Alderman and Assistant of [69] the ward and Street Commissioner

A Petition of George Duryee for Hucksters stand in the Fly Market was read and refered to the Market Committee.

A Petition of John Gardner was read stating that he is owner of lots in Nassau Street part of which will be taken for widening said Street that on account of the uncertainty of the time when the ground will be wanted for said Street he is prevented from leasing said Lots and requesting the determination of the Board on said subject—A similar petition from sundry owners of Lots in Murray Street which they state they understood will be taken for widening said Street praying the decision of the Board on the subject was also read and ordered that they lie on the Table, to be taken up when the Report of the Committee on the petition of P G Stuyvesant & Alexander Saunders is considered

His Honor the Mayor presented the following Communication

The Mayor respectfully reports to the Common Council that he has received [70] the following sums collected in the following Churches in pursuance of their recommendation, to wit,

From the Episcopal Churches	$908.84
" " Moravian "	43.75
" " German Lutheran "	112.35
" " Congregation Shereth Israel	140.00
	1285.94

The Persons who opened subscriptions in consequence of a Communication from Canandaiqua have received from several benevolent Gentlemen 3023.00

4308.94

Which with the donation of the Corporation amounting to $7308.94, have been transmitted to the Committee of safety and relief of Canandaigua for the relief of our suffering Brethren of the West.

An anonymous Letter from Portsmouth N Hampshire stating that the person who extinguished the fire at the Steeple of the Brick Church was one Brewster of that place and not the person who had been rewarded by the Corporation for that service, that Brewster was dead and his family in necessitous circumstances—was read [71] and ordered to be filed.

A Letter was received from Edward Clark from Philadelphia, stating that he had made an improvement in the Lamps used for lighting Cities, which wou[l]d save considerable Expence and in which Tallow or common Oil may be used. Accompanying the Letter was a report of a committee of the Com[n] Council of Philadelphia stating that they had made experiments with M[r] Clarkes Lamp and that it answered his account of its advantages—Ordered that it be refered to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition of Samuel Mayo for relief from fine incurred by acting as a Pawnbroker without License—was read and refered to the Counsel with authority to remit

A Petition of Andrew Smith a City weigher was read stating that in consequence of illness he is often prevented from attending to his business and praying to be permitted to appoint an assistant for whose acts he would be responsible—also praying remission of a fine incurred a few days since [72] by permitting a person to weigh some Cotton for him while he was confined by indisposition and stating that this was frequently done by the weigh masters Ordered to be refered to the Counsel for a statement of facts and also of the alleged practices of weigh masters

A Petition of Charles Mooney praying to be paid the Balance due to him for paving Cherry Street from Montgomery to Corlears St was read & refered to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of James Evans was read stating that he is by trade a Cabinet maker that for the purpose of protecting the boards used in his business from the weather he has erected four upwright Posts in his Yard and covered them with Plank—that this erecting has been

complained of as an infraction of the law for prevention of fires—and praying the interference of the Common Council. Ordered to be refered to the Chief Engineer

A Petition of Samuel J Borrow to be appointed Inspector of Streets was read and [73] refered to the Committee on applications

A Petition of David Board & Elbert Anderson for water grants opposite their ground on the North River at the corner of Charlton & Greenwich Streets was read and refered to the Comptroller

A Memorial of Dominick Lynch was read stating that he understands grants are directed to be made for Water Lots between Youle's Furnace & Vallows Dock of part of which he is proprietor. That the grant is to be on condition that the street of twenty five Feet reserved on the West side of Walnut Street Slip (and which Petitioner made) is to be kept open only so long as the Slip remains and that when filled up that the ground of the Street is to revert to the Corporation—this he thinks improper and that the same should belong to him in fee—He also stated that the Corporation was bound to bear a certain proportion of the expence of making the Bulkhead of said Slip and he prayed this might be enquired into—Ordered that the first part be refered to the Comptroller & Counsel with authority to act, and the latter part to the Street Commissioner to enquire & report upon

[74] The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

F E Compy No 9.

Joseph Striker, Grocer, 27 New St, 1 Wd, vice, Gerardus C Burger, Decsd

James Bogert, Grocer, 105 Fly Market, 2d Wd,
vice Jacob Houseman resgd

F E Compy No 16

Isaac H Townsend, Clerk, 37 Liberty St, 2d Wd,
vice Jacob P Roome Do

F E Compy No 17

Isaac Baptis, Blacksmh, 545 Pearl St, 6 Wd,
vice Danl Dykes left City

Elliot Higgins, Rigger, 67 Harman St 7 Wd,
vice Francis Caselear Do

Joseph Haviland, Blacksmh 9 Batavia Lane 4th Wd
vice Peter Noe Do

F E Compy No 20.

Wm Blakely, Grocer, 228 Greenwich, 3d Wd,
vice Wm Torboss resgd

John Guest Cabnt makr, 238 Do , 3 Wd,
vice Thos Chisholm Do

F E Compy No 37

Jacob Stimerson, Rope maker, Hester nr Orchard 10th Wd
vic[e] Benjn Vn Hise Do

A Petition for a Well corner of Broome and Arundle Street was read and refered to the Alderman and Asst of the Ward & Street Commissr

The Committee on Laws to whom had been refered the communication of John B Coles Esq presented a draft of the law proposed by the Steam Boat Company with amendments suggested by the Committee which was read and the consideration postponed

[75] A Letter was received from James Hardie Assistant City Inspector resigning his office under the Board and expressing in terms of much feeling and warmth the grateful sense he entertains of the many kindnesses conferred on him by the Common Council while in their employ—Whereupon Resolved that his resignation be accepted—and that in testimony of the sense which the Common Council entertain for the services rendered by Mr Hardie to this City while under the afflicting visitations of the Yellow Fever that a warrant issue in his favor for the Sum of Four hundred fifty Dollars and that the same be considered in full of all claims from himself or family on this Board

A Petition was received from Anthony Woodward for the appointment of Assistant City Inspector in place of Mr Hardie resigned The board proceded to ballot for a person to fill the said office on counting the Ballots it appeared there was

for Mr Woodward Nine votes

" Peter R Sprainger Eight votes

Whereupon Anthony Woodward was declared duly chosen

[76] The Counsel presented to the Board for execution Grants to George Buckmaster, Abraham Leggett, John Youle, & George Codwise Junr respectively for water Lots lying between Walnut & Scammel Street These Grants have been drawn in pursuance of the Report of the Comptroller which was agreed to by the Board on the 24th ulto and in conformity with instructions received from him as to the terms—The counterparts not being executed by the Grantees the Coun-

sel submits to the Board the propriety of these grants being executed and delivered to him as Escrows until the execution of the Counterparts respectively

respectfully submitted

(Signed) D S Jones.

Which was approved and they were directed to be executed and delivered accordingly

The City Inspector presented the following

The City Inspector has the honor of reporting an abstract of the total population of the City and County of New York comprising the number of Freeholders, Jurors white & colored Inhabitants Aliens and Slaves taken [77] last year by order of the Board

DECEMBER 1813.

Census of the whole number of Inhabitants in the City & County of New York

Wards	Freeholders	Person[l] Estate of $150	Tenants	Jurors	White Inhabitants		colored Inhabitants		aliens		slaves		Total
					males	females	males	females	males	females	males	females	
1st	374	1102	892	509	2962	3453	275	467	149	...	91	138	7540
2d	279	920	853	562	3055	3218	176	418	203	104	23	54	7251
3d	286	150	1311	656	2995	3696	302	485	119	65	47	106	7415
4th	317	570	1543	422	3884	4326	264	411	284	187	31	70	9457
5th	434	941	2644	636	5466	6272	778	1172	271	228	41	85	14313
6th	222	128	2075	225	4651	5165	517	718	266	227	13	24	11579
7th	161	753	1982	166	4490	5382	290	400	197	...	7	26	10702
8th	375	265	1251	276	4565	4528	128	168	292	318	31	41	10071
9th	420	91	258	190	1486	1587	178	209	235	166	82	107	4046
10th	344	692	995	496	4351	4956	195	239	250	24	16	43	10074
Partial& General Total.	3212	5612	13804	4138	37905	42186	3099	4687	2176	1319	282	694	92448

(Sigd) J. Morton

The Committee on the Petition of the weigh masters presented a Report which was read and the consideration thereof postponed.

The Comptroller represented to the Board that the contract for the street manure and the public Docks and slips will expire in April next, it therefore becomes necessary to adopt some [78] measures in relation thereto for the ensuing Year

Mr Jones the present Lessee of Docks & Slips is desirous again to have them, but cannot afford to pay the same as before as the amount

collected by him will fall considerably short of the sums actually paid into the Treasury which occasions him a considerable loss in addition to his time lost—it remains for the Board to determine whether in this case they will depart from their usual practice of advertising for estimates or whether they will grant the present Lessee the Docks & Slips on such terms as may be agreed on by him and a Committee appointed for that purpose

respectfully submitted

(Signed) Thos R Mercein Compr

Whereupon Resolved that the Comptroller be directed to advertize the same to be let and receive estimates therefor.

The Comptroller & Council on the Petition of P G Stuyvesant & Alexander Saunders & others reported. That the Commissioners of Estimates and Assessments who were appointed by the Supreme Court to open [79] The said (Third) avenue have completed their Estimate of the compensation to be paid to all the Owners and Lessees of the property required for the said avenue and that the report of estimates and assessment will be presented at the ensuing term of the said Supreme Court for approval—The Comptroller and Counsel are therefore inclined to think that it would be inexpedient to treat with the Memorialists, as such treaty, if consummated, would produce inconvenience by rendering it necessary for the Commissioners to review their estimate and perhaps to make alterations in many parts of it The Comptroller & Counsel however beg leave to state to the Board that it is not certain that the Report of the Commissioners will be approved by the Court at the ensuing term, and as that delay ought not to prejudice the memorialists, nor others interested, they submit to the Board whether it would not be proper to authorize the Memorialists to occupy or Rent their property for the ensuing Year under an assurance that they or their Tenants shall not be disturbed in their possession during that time—Provided that they shall not be entitled to claim the compensation awarded to them by the said Commissioners until the surrender of Their property

(Sigd) Thos R Mercein
D S Jones

[80] which was approved and Resolved that the same disposition be made of the Petition of J Gardner & sundry others owners of Lots in Murray Street presented this evening.

The Street Commissioner presented returns of Delinquents on assessments for wells in Delancy St—Oak St—& Broome St—whereupon ordered that warrants issue to the Collector for collection of the same.

He also presented an Ordinance for regulating Watt Street from Sullivan St to the center of the Block between Varrick St and Hudson St which was passed and William Stilwell John Brower & Lemuel Skidmore were appointed Assessors.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was refered that part of the presentment of the Grand Jury recommending the sinking of Cisterns reported That a Resolution passed the Board some time back, recommending to the different Congregations in this City the building of cisterns at their respective Churches, and when it is recollected that those cisterns for water would add as much to the safety of all the Houses [81] within the vicinity of such cistern as it would to the Church it is no matter of surprise why the recommendation has not been complied with.

That the Corporation have within a few Years last past shewn a more than usual disposition to have the Fire Engines and their apparatus in the best possible state of repair & improvement by expending large sums of money thereon, yet there is one deficiency still remains the too frequent want of water; to obviate which as far as possible, Your Committee recommend an application to the Legislature praying that whenever in the opinion of the Corporation it shall be expedient to build a Cistern or Cisterns at any Church or any other public building within this City to contain water to be used for stopping the ravages of fire that they then may have the power to appoint three disinterested and discreet persons to assess the expense on all the Houses and Lots of Ground within one thousand feet in every direction of such cistern and according as they may be supposed to be benefitted thereby

all which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Wm A Hardenbrook
Arthur Burtis
Peter Mc Cartee.

which was approved and the Council was [82] directed to prepare and report a memorial and Bill to the Legislature agreably thereto

Mr Hardenbrook moved to reconsider the vote taken on the Question—which being taken passed in the negative—

The Committee on laws and ordinances represented to the Board that in the late revision of the laws of this State, among many other alterations, one has been introduced in "The act for the relief and settlement of the poor" which in their opinion is very improper and calculated to be particularly injurious and burdensome to the City

of New York. The alteration alluded to, is the striking out from the 7th and 8t Sections of that act every provision for the transportation of paupers whose place of legal settlement is unknown or without this State and the introduction in lieu thereof of a new provision that whenever it appears that the pauper came into the State thro' the City of New York he may be transmitted from Constable to Constable to that City without any further authority for his further removal. The effect of the law as it now stands is, that there is no power in any [83] Magistrates in this State to remove any pauper who may enter into this state from a sister State, back to the place of his legal settlement. Foreign paupers have the whole range of this State, in which to random up and down with impunity, without any power to remove them, except to the City of New York, when they enter the State thro' that City, in which case they are saddled upon us, as we have no power to send them away. The result can easily be anticipated unless the old provisions of the law are restored, that when the state of the poor law comes to be generally known the City of New York, will; without any power to relieve itself, become the place of deposit for all the paupers of the adjoining States, how this improvident alteration of the law escaped the observation of the Legislature, the Committee are at a loss to conceive; but they presume there can be no doubt with the Board that immediate steps ought to be taken to apply for legislative aid

The Committee further represent that the 10th section of the old poor Law, has been expunged from the new one; but that no new provision has been made for the cases provided for by that section. The tenth Section [84] ordained that every pauper, male or female who returned after transportation should be retransported and shipped by every Constable thro' whose hands he or she passed in their way back to their place of legal settlement, the primitive part of this section was rarely executed on account of its barbarity and therefore ought to have been abolished, but as some remedy ought to be provided against the return of paupers after transportation; your committee would recommend *than* [that] when an application to the Legislature is made for the other alteration before suggested it be also accompanied by one for legislative provision to authorize two Justices to commit a pauper who returns after transportation, to a work house at hard labor for a certain limited period as often as the offense is committed

The intended work house at Bellevue will afford a proper place for the confinement and discipline of such paupers as return to this

City and the overseers of the poor in other Counties can take advantage of such a provision or not as they shall think proper

(Signed) J Nitchie
Thos R Smith

[85] Which was approved and the Counsel was directed to prepare a memorial and Bill to be submitted to the Mayor and Recorder and upon their approbation to be duly authenticated and transmitted to the Legislature

The Comptroller presented the following.

The Comptroller respectfully reminds the Board that the period has arrived, when it becomes necessary to make application to the Legislature to raise money by Tax

In determining the amount necessary to be raised to meet the ordinary expences of the Year in addition to the other sources of Revenue it is necessary to take into consideration the probable expences of the Year and to enquire if any increase or diminution of the ordinary sources of revenue is to be expected. Admitting the other county charges to be stationary (and no decrease of *of* expence can reasonably be expected) it is confidently apprehended that the expences of the Alms House and of Lamps will be encreased at least 20 pc. for reasons which were fully detailed in a former communication which will amount to $20 000

The amount received for vendu sales last [86] Year far exceeded all antecedent years and is more than can reasonably be hoped for this—the average of the three last years which is considered a fair creterion will make a difference of $15 000 in addition to which the revenue from Docks and Slips may be estimated at $5000 less than the last year and the present of at least $4000 to be supplied by Tax or in such other manner as the Board may determine

The necessity of increasing the public burthen at this time, when a United States Tax equal in amount to that which has hitherto been levied on real estate by the Corporation, is to be collected and when our Citizens in consequence of the present war are less able to bear them is much to be lamented; and if sanguine hopes were entertained that the direct Tax would not be continued after this Year, it might be more advisable to delay the increase of the County Tax, until relieved of the burthen of the other; but if on the other hand the United States direct tax is to be continued—procrastination would avail nothing and it would be more preferable to meet the exigency at once than to defer to another period the raising of this deficit [87] in addition to what will then be required

under all circumstances a middle course might be advisable, which will require the sum of $180 000 in addition to that required to be raised by the act for the establishment of Common Schools

respectfully submitted

(Sig[d]) Thos[s] R Mercein Comp[r]

Whereupon Resolved that the Council prepare a Memorial and Bill to authorize the Corporation to raise the sum of One hundred eighty thousand Dollars by tax, that the same be submitted to the examination of the Mayor & Recorder and upon its being approved by them that it be duly authenticated and transmitted forthwith to the Legislature now in session

The Committee on Assessments on the memorial of sundry owners of houses and lands in Beaver & William Street and Sloat lane remonstrating against an assessment for making a Drain in Broad Street— Reported that in their opinion the complaints of the memorialists are not destitute of foundation; but they are also of opinion that when an assessment for purposes like the one under consideration has [88] been confirmed by the corporation, they have no power, by the law authorizing such assessments, to set it asside with a view to any alterations being made in it: That when once an assessment is confirmed the power of the corporaton over it ceases. In this opinion, they are supported by that of the Counsel of the Board whose opinion on the subject they thought proper to ask. The assessment in question has been confirmed by the Board, a Collector appointed and some of the money received by him

The committee are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the memorial cannot be granted and that the Collector ought to proceed in the collection of the assessment

(Signed) J Nitchie
Asa Mann
Mott Cannon

Which was approved

The Committee of Laws on the Petition of Kimberly Brace & Co reported, that it appears the flour in question was purchased by a person in Hartford Connecticut in the Baltimore Market and arrived in this City by land on its way to that State, That the [89] Petitioners merely acted as agents for their friend in Connecticut in the transportation thereof from Baltimore to Hartford when the seizure was made. The law regulating the inspection of flour directs that no wheat or other flour shall be shipped for exportation out of this state without

being inspected, and declaring that if any person shall lade or attempt to lade any flour on board any vessel with intent to ship or export the same direct out of this State, he shall forfeit the flour; one third of the forfeiture to go to the Prosecutor and two thirds to the Overseer of the poor—Your Committee are inclined to think that such a transportation as took place in the instance in question was not such an exportation as warranted a forfeiture, if the above facts are correct; But they are decidedly of opinion that this Board ought not, even if they had a right, which is very questionable to interfere at all in the premisses nor in any case of forfeiture under this law. They are purely questions between the Inspector and the persons violating the law. Where real violations do take place public policy requires that they should be punished in the mode pointed out by the law, and where an illegal seizure is at any time made by the Inspector the party [90] agrieved has an ample remedy for the injury done, by an action against the Inspector; they therefore recommend the addoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition

(Signed) J Nitchie
Thos R Smith

Which was approved

The same Committee on the Petition of certain Hay Boatmen praying for a Law requiring Hay Cartmen to give security reported, That they can see no greater reason why a law should be passed of the nature required than that all other Cartmen should be included in its operation. Other Cartmen are intrusted with the transportation of valuable property as well as those who cart Hay—and those who deal in Hay have the same remedy which other persons employing Cartmen have, to wit employing more honest Cartmen, a legal prosecution for damages, an application to his honor the Mayor who will always take away the license of any Cartman who acts dishonestly and abuses [91] the trust of his employer—They therefore recommend the addoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the said Petition cannot be granted

(Signed) J Nitchie
Thos R Smith

Which was approved

The Comptroller presented the act of the Legislature releasing to the Mayor Aldermen &c all the right of the State to the grounds in the

rear of the *the* Government House formerly granted under certain conditions to the United States—The act presented containing a proviso that when the grounds which shall be exchanged by the Corporation with the United States for the purposes of the defence of the City of New York that the same shall revert to the State, it was Resolved that as the said proviso will be a hindrance to the negociation of the Corporation with the United States that the Counsel prepare a respectful memerial to the Legislature praying that said clause or proviso may be repealed and that the same be duly authenticated and forthwith transmitted to the Legislature

Alderman Munson moved that John A Crolius be removed from his office of Inspector of Bread [92] a Division having been called for, it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative 9. Alder[n] Wendover—Smith—Munson—Buckmaster Dickenson—Mess[rs] Mann—Burtis—Cannon—Brown

Negative 8. Alder[n] Mesier — Fish — Mapes — M[c]Cartee—Mess[rs] Nitchie—Lawrence—Hardenbrook

The Board then proceeded to fill the vacancy when Joseph Varrick was duly elected

It was moved that when the Board adjourn they adjou[r]n for a fortnight

A Division having been called it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative 9 M[r] Recorder—Alde[n] Mesier—Dickenson—Mapes—M[c]Cartee—Fish—Mess[rs] Nitchie—Lawrence—Hardenbrook

Negative 8 Alder[n] Wendover—Smith—Munson—Buckmaster—Mess[rs] Mann—Burtis—Cannon—Brown

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$11441.81
Warrants not presented	1837.29
	9603.52

[93] Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following Accounts

Hays & Bogert	Watch	694.75
Farrington & White	D[o]	621.25
Holden & Lawrence	D[o]	474.25
Hedden & Angevine	D[o]	339.50
DeWitt Clinton 1 Q[r] Sal[ry] as Mayor to 12 Inst		1750.00
Jacob Hays 1 Q[r] Sal[ry] High Constable		200.00
John Tiebout for 76 City Charters (reprin[d])		23.56
E Jennings Sup[dt] of Lamps		317.28

Jas Hopson inspects repavg Park place	13.75
S Wheeler assessg sundry Sts	138.00
P Flaherty 2d Instlmt well pump Second St	156.60
G Bowman Inspecg pavg sundry Sts	65.25
J McComb Jr N City Hall	1000.00
A W Hardenbrook Act repas to Engines	1000.00
T R Mercein to pay Indexg Minutes	250.00
T R Mercein for C Smith & Wife 3 Qr Rent Paules Hook ferry	225.00
A H Lawrence for Jas Hardie as per Resolution of Com Council	450.00
	$7719.19
	$1883.33

[94] In Common Council Febv 28th 1814

present Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder President

Aldermen: Peter Mesier, Jonas Mapes, Charles Dickenson, Peter McCartee, Thomas R Smith, Jonathan Lawrence, George Buckmaster, Peter H Wendover, Nicholas Fish, Reuben Munson

Assistants: John Nitchie, Augustine H Lawrence, Gideon Tucker, Asa Mann, Arthur Burtis, Wm A Hardenbrook, Mott Cannon

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Memorial from sundry Inhabitants complaining that the West side of Market Slip was so high that it was inconvenient to unload craft at low water and praying it may be remedied, was read, Ordered that it be refered to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner with authority to remedy the inconvenience complained of

[95] A Petition that Elizabeth Street may be regulated and paved, and that Prince Street may be paved from the Bowery to Broad Way was read and refered to the Street Commissioner

A Memorial from sundry Inhabitants in the vicinity of the Old Slip remonstrating against removing the Exchange Market to the old Slip was read. Whereupon Resolved that the Ma[r]ket committee be discharged from the further consideration of a petition from sundry Inhabitants praying for the removal of the Exchange Market to the old Slip which was refered to them on the 7th Inst—and that the

Petitioners on said Petition and those on the memorial now presented have leave to withdraw their several applications

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants in the vicinity of Rivington Stanton and Ridge Street stating their exposed situation to depredations and praying a Watchman may be stationed in that vicinity was read and refered to the watch Committee.

A Petition of Joseph P Simpson to be appointed a Sealer of Weights and measures was read [96] and refered to Alder^{n} Munson Alder^{n} M^{c}Cartee M^{r} Nitchie

A Petition was received from Thomas Bennet stating, that he had established a manufactory of Brass Wire and Pins which would be highly useful to the public—that he could not carry it on to the extent he wished for want of capital, and praying the patronage of the Common Council; ordered that it be refered to Alder^{n} Wendover Lawrence M^{r} Hardenbrook

A Petition from Nicholas B Lawrence praying that the Stall in Washington Market at present occupied by Francis White may be assigned to him, M^{r} White having consented to the same—and a Petition from M^{r} Dobbie for permission to sell meat in the 9th Ward were read and refered to the Market Committee.

A further Petition from the Lamp lighters praying further compensation, was read and refered to the Lamp Committee

[97] A Memorial from sundry owners of Lots in Sullivan Street between Broome & Spring St was read stating that previous to erecting their Houses upon their Lots in said Street they caused them to be surveyed by one of the City surveyors, and in laying the foundation and in fixing the line of their Buildings they complied with his instructions—that some time after they had erected their Buildings they were directed to raise the Street in front of their Houses, which they complied with altho' at considerable expence and inconvenience that they are informed a new regulation of said Street is contemplated, which they hope will not be carried into effect as it will be destructive to their property—Ordered that the same be refered to the Street Commissioner

A petition of James Abeel was read stating that he is Lessee of Lot N^{o} 163 Common Lands that from the time of taking the Lease until the present day there has beeen no Road laid out by which he could get upon the land whereby it has been useless to him and praying the Corporation to permit him to reassign the Lease to them upon his paying the Costs of a Suit brought against him for the rent in arrear

Whereupon Resolved that it be refered to the [98] Counsel with authority to delay execution upon Petitioners giving security for the amount of rent due for payment of the same in one year with the costs accrued.

A Petition from Thomas Gibbons stating that a complaint had been made against him for selling stuffed Pork—that the pork he sold he had purchased in the Country & that he knew of no such practice as stuffing Pork but believed the complaint against him arose from improper motives and praying to be relieved—Ordered to be refered to the Attorney with authority to remit

A Petition of Henry Cheaven & others stating that they had invented and constructed Salt water Baths to be used in the Tide waters of the City—that they had applied to the Legislature for the exclusive right of using them in this State and praying the sanction of the Common Council to their application

Ordered that Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition

A Petition of John Higgins praying remission of a fine incurred by incumbering [99] the Street, which was refered to the attorney to remit the same

A Petition of John White was read stating that a complaint had been made against him for erecting a wooden Building within the limits proscribed by law—that if he has committed an offence it has been thro' ignorance and praying relief—Ordered to be refered to the Attorney with authority to discontinue the Suit if in his opinion proper

A Petition of Dan[l] E Tylee and Jane Ellis praying to be relieved from an Assessment for repaving at the foot of Vesey St was read and refered to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Elizabeth Huffan complaining against W[m] Hitchcock contractor of S[t] manure for placing his Carts on the side walk opposite her house was read and refered to the Attorney with directions to prosecute on said complaint

A Memorial from sundry Dealers in second hand clothing & other articles praying an amendment in the Law respecting Pawnbrokers was read & refered to the Committee on laws

[100] A Petition was received from Rodman Bowne stating that he had agreed with M[r] Moses Rogers for his Boat to be worked by horses which he purposed running at Catharine Street Ferry—and praying the whole of said Slip may be granted for the use of the Ferry—Ordered to lay on the Table.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

F E Compy No 1

Henry Riker, H. Carpenter, 142 Reed St 5 Wd vice Hy Powles resd

F E Compy No 5

Saml J Willis, Clerk, No 32 Fair St, 2d Wd vice Carrington Willson removd

John L Nostrand Clerk, 17 Burling Slip 2 Wd
vice Peter Guion resgd

Charles Read Do 27 Gold S 2 Wd vice Wm Hopkins Do

F E Compy No 6

Garret J Van Waggenen, Cartman, Provost St, 5 Wd, vice, Isaac Anderson removd for non attendance

F E Compy No 7.

John White, Morocco dresser, 29 James St, 4th Wd, Vice Israel Haviland resgd

F E Compy No 11.

Richd Duryee Jr, Mercht, 48 Water St, 1st Wd,
Vice Wm Brown resgd

F E Compy No 12

Elijah Tompkins, Mercht, 398 pearl St, 4th Wd,
Vice Genest Martinot Do

F E Compy No 14

George Newson, Chair Maker, 30 Barclay St, 3d Wd,
vice Moses Coddington Do

John Varrick, Stone Cutter, 312 Broad Way 6 Wd
vice Abm Skaats Do

[101] F Engn Compy No 33.

James Reynolds, Carpenter, Cherry St 7th Wd
vice Philip Laver Do

F E Comp No 34

Abm Brower, Jr, Chair Maker, Greenwich St 8th Wd,
Vice Jos D Smith Do

Stephen J Green, Grocer, Cr Herring & Amos St 8 Wd
vice Julius White Do

F E Compy No 37

Thomas Baisley, Rope maker, Orchard St, 10th Wd,
vice Henry Owens Do

F E Compy No 41

John Atkins, Rigger, Cr Suffolk & Hester St 10th Wd vice And C Hoyt resd

The City Inspector presented the following Communication accompanied with Tables of the Census of the Population of the City and with the Bill of mortality

The City Inspector had the honor at the last meeting of the Board to present a Table of the Census of the population of the City for the Year 1813 taken by order of the Corporation

In the Year 1810 a Census was also taken by order of the Board which was refered to a Committee; but that Committee having never made any Report, it has never been acted upon—The Books having been lately returned to the Office, the City Inspector considering it an important document has from those Books made a similar Table with that for the Year 1813 and has now the honor of presenting it

[102] The City Inspector has also the honor of presenting a Table exhibiting an accurate return of Interments in the different Cemeteries of the City and of Potters Field in the Year 1813. and also the ages of those who were intered

To this he has subjoined a comparative statement of the deaths in this City with their ages diseases &c during the Years 1810. 11. & 12 He has not included in that comparison the Year 1813 as on account of the fluctuating state of the population in that year no sufficient datum was afforded on which to make the comparison

He has also to those statements added observations and comparisons between the ratio of Populations and Deaths of several of the Countries in Europe with our own—These tending to show the salubrity of our Climate may not be without a moral and political use—for while our hearts are lifted up with gratitude to that being who hath placed us in a land abounding in so many mercies, our Country will be still more endeared to us by the reflection that to the social and political advantages which we enjoy is also given to us a climate highly favorable to Health without which every other blessing is in vain

(sigd) J Morton. City Inspector

[103] Census
of the whole Population of the City & County of New York
1810

Wards	Freeholders	Personal Estate	Tenants	Jurors	White Inhabitants		Aliens		Colored Inhabitants		Slaves		Total*
					M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
First.....	505	1183	766	880	3461	3615	370	168	250	443	230	287	8824
Second.....	335	934	734	597	2943	3024	222	155	200	398	44	100	7086
Third.....	338	961	1328	592	3304	3311	135	79	320	471	95	176	7891
Fourth.....	348	1420	1453	654	4486	4634	404	8	272	427	22	72	10325
Fifth.....	530	1277	2294	752	6231	6732	217	2	702	1002	86	141	15113
Sixth.....	260	618	1844	482	4082	4134	837	902	453	585	48	51	11097
Seventh.....	337	1991	1662	636	4635	5193	548	518	339	378	24	52	11597
Eigth.....	421	326	1227	302	4324	4203	218	164	235	247	50	92	9533
Ninth.....	207	126	215	274	1213	1516	150	111	112	126	101	132	3461
Tenth.....	334	1207	442	1189	4302	4606	244	234	164	190	31	62	9833
Total.....	3638	10043	11965	6340	38981	40870	3345	2341	3052	4267	731	1165	94760

Which were directed to be filed.

Upon the report of the Attorney penalties were remitted to Captns Clark and James incurred for not reporting passengers.

The Attorney stated that he has received information that George Defandorf and John Turner (Tavern Keepers) did permit card playing in their respective Houses on Sunday 13th Inst—These offences [104] are breaches of the recognizances entered into by the Tavern Keepers and the prosecution of those Recognizances is under the direction of the Common Council. The Attorney has deemed it proper to make this communication to the Board, to the end that such order may be taken thereon as the Common Council may deem fit

(Sigd) D S Jones

Whereupon he was directed to prosecute for the penalties incurred under their recognizances

The Attorney on the Petition of Andrew Smyth, praying for the remission of a fine incurred by his hired man for weighing articles as a public Weigher without having permission to act as the Deputy of the Petitioner—Reported. That the Petitioner has satisfied the Attorney by affidavit that the only offence which was committed, was that of "permitting one Patrick Barron (the hired man of the Petitioner) "to weigh certain articles of merchandize for him at a time when he "was so much indisposed as to be unable to attend in person" and

* On the edge of this column, in the original, are some jottings of doubtful meaning.—ED.

that the said Petitioner has produced to the Attorney a certificate signed by Gentlemen well known to the Attorney, certifying that [105] "it has been customary in all cases of emergency to employ Deputy weighers"

There is no doubt but that the penalty has been incurred inasmuch as Barron had not been appointed as a Deputy to M[r] Smyth; but the Attorney is inclined to believe that this penalty has been incurred thro' a misconception of the ordinance on the part of the petitioner

(sig[d]) D S Jones

Which was approved and the fine was directed to be remitted on payment of costs

The special Committee to whom was refered the representation of the Comptroller on the Alms House establishment Reported. That having duly considered the subject they are of opinion that many salutary and important improvements may be introduced into the Alms House Department; that the liberal and extensive arrangement which has been made at Bellevue, under the authority of the Common Council, for the reception and accommodation of that establishment, will be peculiarly favorable to experiments in manufactures which the Committee think may be usefuly introduced as soon as the establishment shall be removed from this City to that place.

[106] To give effect however to the contemplated improvements and to afford a fair opportunity of carrying plans into successful operation, it is necessary that those persons who may be entrusted with the management and execution of them, should hold their Offices for a definite period, and not be subject during that period, to removal but for malpractice or incompetency to discharge their respective duties. It also appears to the Committee that the Commissioners so to be appointed should have power to employ any Child who may be chargable or whose parents may be chargable to the City, or who shall beg for alms, in such Trades business or employment as they shall see fit to be carried on in the Alms House. It also appears proper to extend the power of the magistrate over persons deemed disorderly persons within the meaning of the existing law, so as to authorize a commitment for six months instead of the present term of sixty days; and to appropriate the building now erecting at Bellevue as a penetentiary, to be the Goal or City Prison, as well for the confinement of convicts as of persons charged with offences and committed by a magistrate.

The Committee having here enumerated certain points, which to them appear to be of primary [107] importance, and which require

in the first instance the sanction and authority of the Legislature, have accordingly prepared a Bill and memorial to that honorable Body to which they here refer

As the details of the system may be better and more fully developed hereafter when operations shall commence under the management of intelligent Commissioners the Committee beg leave to make them the subject of a future Report

(Signed) Nicholas Fish
Jon[a] Lawrence
John Nitchie
Reuben Munson

Whereupon the Board took into consideration the Bill reported by the Committee and upon a motion of Alder[n] Smith to strike out the words "seven Years" the period for which the Commissioners named in the bill were to continue in office, and to substitute instead thereof "during the pleasure of the Board" the question being taken thereon it was carried in the affirmative, the bill was then agreed to and d[i]rected together with the memorial to be engrossed.

The Committee on applications reported in favor of appointing John Edwards a Sealer of weights and measures which was agreed to and he was appointed accordingly

[108] The Chief Engineer on the Petition of James Evers, reported, that he had examined the shed erected by Petitioner and did not consider it as coming within the building act and therefore recommended that the suit be discontinued without payment of costs—Which was approved.

The Street Committee and St Commissioner presented a plan for altering the course of Lombardy Street between Montgomery and Walnut Street to the Eastward, and between Cherry Division & Grand Sts to the Northward which was approved and the Attorney was directed to take the legal steps for carrying the same into effect.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well in Scammel Street which had been duly advertized, which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

He also presented an ordinance for a well in Essex Street which was passed and W[m] Stilwell—John Brower and Stephen Kingsland were appointed Assessors

[109] The Counsel agreably to order presented a Memorial to the Legislature and a Bill corresponding thereto on the subject of sinking Cisterns at public places. which was read and laid for consideration

Resolved that the Counsel of the Corporation do forthwith prepare

a memorial to the Legislature, praying for the reduction of the Grand Parade to the limits which were specified in the former application made by this Board on this subject, together with a Bill corresponding therewith, and that he transmit the same to the Legislature without delay

The following Resolution was agreed to and refered to the Finance Committee

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the subject of intestate Estates in the City of New York in cases wherein the Chamberlain of this City is now entitled to administration, and that they report whether any beneficial alterations can be made on this subject, and if so that they cause to be prepared by the Attorney of the Common Council a proper [110] application to the Legislature to be submitted to this Board with all convenient speed

The following Resolution was agreed to & directed to be printed in the papers employed by the Board. Resolved that from & after the 4th day of March the Corporation of the City of New York will not allow any compensation for repairs to wharves and piers that are owned jointly by said corporation and Citizens unless application is made to the Chairman of the Committee of Wharves and Piers and the repairs done under the direction of the Superintendant of repairs

Mr Mann moved that Adrian B Holmes be dismissed from the Office of Street Inspector The question being taken thereon it was carried in the Affirmative.

The Board then proceeded to elect a person to fill the vacancy, when Peter R Sprainger was elected.

Aldern Smith presented the following Resolved that Jacob Hays be dismissed from the office of Enforcer of the Sunday law, and the public [111] ordinances of this Board.

Resolved that the several Deputy Street Commissioners be, and they are hereby specially enjoined and commanded to take charge, in their respective districts, of the public acts of this Board, and also particularly of the act of the Legislature commonly called the Sunday Act and such other acts of the Legislature applying exclusively to this City; to see that they are duly respected and fully enforced under pain of removal from Office for neglect of duty: for which purpose His Honor the Mayor be requested to give them a Marshalls warrant and that for this extra service they receive the same compensation for Sundays as for other days.

The Question being taken thereon it was carried in the Affirmative.

Resolved that the Park Committee have authority to direct manure to be spread over the park grounds and to employ a suitable person to take charge of the Park

The Board proceeded to consider the application of the N York and Jersey Steam Ferry Boat Company to the Legislature for an Act of incorporation when after some time spent thereon it was Resolved that it is [112] inexpedient for the Common Council to assent to the application of said Company for an Act of Incorporation

Resolved that the Counsel be directed to prepare a Memorial to the Legislature authorizing the Mayor Aldermen &c to regulate the lying of vessels in the Stream opposite to public Ferries in the City.

Mr Hardenbrook presented a Resolution proposing an amendment to the law respecting the driving of Carriages so as to compel persons to drive on the right of the centre of the Roads which was read and the consideration postponed

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Wm Johnson which had been laid for consideration was taken up and being read was as follows

The Committee to whom was refered the Petition of Wm Johnson on the subject of a Balance due from him to the Corporation wherein he prays relief therefrom, respectfully report that after enquiring into the circumstance[s] relating thereto, have been informed of many which they think deserve consideration

[113] In the Year 1806 Mr Johnson contracted with the Corporation for the Slips &c for two Years and therein agreed to pay $17000 per annum, it appears that every exertion was made on his part to make payment of the above sum. but the sum of thirty one thousand Dollars is all that has been received by him in the collection of Wharfage and which he has paid into the Treasury leaving a balance of Two thousand six hundred Dollars unpaid. which Sum Mr Johnson declares his inability to pay and alleges among other causes the following, why he hopes and prays a release from payment thereof towit

That at the time of his renting the Slips he was impressed with a belief that the Common Council would in a short time augment them, instead of which two Slips were shortly after filled in

That an embargo was laid which occasioned a great deprivation of Wharfage—That he employed Stephen Burdett and John Campbell to assist him in the collection of said Wharfage and has never paid either of them any mony out of the monies arrising from wharfage

but he advanced mony out of his own funds in order to aid in fulfilling his contract with the Corporation

All which has been sworn to before your Committee, by the said W^m^ Johnson and Stephen Burdett

[114] Your Committee forbear to express their opinion on this subject, as M^r^ Johnson's Surety or Sureties are liable for the balance now due the Corporation

(Sig^d^) John Vanderbilt Jun^r^
Peter H Wendover
Josiah Hedden

M^r^ Nitchie then proposed the following Resolution which was agreed to

Resolved that the Attorney of this Board be authorized to acknowledge satisfaction in the judgement obtained by the Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York against William Johnson the late Lessee of the public Wharves Piers and Slips on his executing to the said Mayor Aldermen and Commonalty a bond for two thousand Dollars payable in three Years with Interest annually and securing the same by a mortgage on his real estate and he and his sureties executing another Bond for the residue of the sum due to this Board payable in three years with interest annually—Provided the said Sureties shall consent to such arrangements and the said William Johnson pay the Costs of the Suit judgment and execution against him [115] and provided also the real Estate of the said Johnson be found unincumbered—and that in case this proposal is not accepted that the Attorney proceed with the execution

Alder^n^ Smith presented the following Resolution which was refered to Alder^n^ Smith Alder^n^ Jon^n^ Lawrence M^r^ A H Lawrence

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the propriety of memorializing the Legislature on the Subject of reducing the duties on Sales at auction in this City and if they deem proper to report a memorial to this Board at their next meeting

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury about	$9600.
Warrants not presented	
	$9600.

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Hays & Bogert	Watch	694.75
Farrington & White	D^o^	621.25
Holden & Lawrence	D^o^	474.25
Hedden & Angevine	D^o^	339.50

John A Crolius Salry Inspr Bread to 15 Feby 1814	72.93
[116] A B Holmes Salry Deputy St Comsrs	48.00
C E Duncan " " " "	48.00
S Green " " " "	48.00
M Ackerman " Keeper Potters field	42.00
B Hicks Asst City Inspr Salry	56.00
J Hedden Spcl Justice Do	250.00
J Cox " " "	250.00
C Schultz " " "	250.00
B Skaats keeper City Hall Salry for himself & for 2 assistants & sundry expences	275.44
P Burtsell Stationary Mayors Office & City Inspr	201.12
M Reid Balc Well & Pump in Harman St Certfd St Comsrs	97.50
Do " " " " " " near Market St	112.13
C Mooney Acct pavg Gouverneurs St	100.00
J Wallace Acct ferry St Drain	500.00
J Gallagher Acct Balc Well in Charles St	103.68
Wm Kays Acct repairs to Pumps	44.90
Wm Stratton " " "	39.31
H Brush " " " in 7th Wd	41.95
Do " " " 10th Wd	23.00
J Hays High Conste extra services Police Officers	458.50
F Hazard & Asst 1 Qr Salry	512.50
R Stephens Ast Clerk Police Office	125.00
B Oblenis Clerk " "	250.00
J Wallace Supdt reprs	300.00
R Furman Supdt Alms House	2700.00
	$9079.51
Balc in the Treasury say	$520.49

[117] In Common Council March 14 1814

present The Honl Josiah Ogden Hoffman Recorder President

Jonas Mapes	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
Charles Dickenson		Augusn H Lawrence	
Peter McCartee		Gideon Tucker	
George Buckmaster		Asa Mann	
Peter H Wendover		Arthur Burtis	
Nicholas Fish		Wm A Hardenbrook	
Reuben Munson		Mott Cannon	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition was received from William Johnson stating that he was utterly unable to comply with the terms of the Resolution of the Board of the 28th ulto—That the property owned by Petitioner at Flushing was mortgaged for fifteen hundred Dollars that he also owned a

House and Lot in Harman Street which is enclosed in the above mortgage and is also mortgaged for the further sum of five hundred Dollars, and praying the Common Council to discharge him from the [118] Judg^{mt} obtained against him on paying the Costs which have accrued—Whereupon Resolved that provided there is no further incumbrances upon the property of the Petitioner than those stated in his petition, that upon his giving a Bond and mortgage upon the same for the sum of two thousand Dollars payable in three years with interest at 6 per cent per annum and upon his sureties giving their Bond for the Balance of the amount due, payable in six months with Interest at 6 per cent per annum and upon payment of the Costs, that the Attorney be authorized to enter satisfaction upon the Judgment obtained against Petition.

A Memorial was received from John Stevens stating that he had constructed a Boat to be propelled by Horses which he contemplated to run on the Ferry from the foot of vesey St to Hoboken, that for that purpose conveniences for the landing Horses and Carriages were indispensably necessary and praying the same may be constructed—Ordered that the same be refered to the Ferry Committee

The Petition of Rodman Bowne presented at the last meeting was called up and [119] refered to the same Committee

A Petition of John Gaffit for appointment of Wood Inspector was read and refered to the Committee on applications

A Petition that Sullivan St between Spring & Broome St may be regulated and paved and a petition that Banker Street may be regulated from Grand to one hundred and fifty feet above Walnut Street were read and refered to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of fire Engine Company N^{o} 30 praying that five or six Men may be added to their Company was read and refered to the Committee on the fire Department

A Petition of Ann Blakesley stating that she had lately sustained great losses by fire and praying some aid to enable her to pay the Taxes imposed on her, was read & refered to Alder^{n} Mapes Alder^{n} Dickenson Alder^{n} Munson

A Petition from the Inhabitants residing in [120] the vicinity of S^{t} Stephen's Church—and two other petitions from a great number of Inhabitants of the City praying that the Common Council would direct Cisterns to be sunk in different parts of the City to supply water in cases of fire; was read & refered to Alder^{n} M^{c}Cartee Alder^{n} Mapes Alder^{n} Wendover Alder^{n} Jon^{n} Lawrence M^{r} Hardenbrook

The Councel presented the following

The Counsel presents to the Board for execution a Lease of the Brooklyn Ferry which has been drawn in pursuance of the Resolution of the Board removing the said Ferry to Beekman Slip. Mr Cutting has delivered up the former lease to be cancelled and has executed the counterpart of the one now presented—but as Fulton the other Lessee is absent from the City, the Council submits that this lease be executed and delivered to the undersigned as an escrow to take effect upon the execution of the Counterpart by Mr Fulton

respectfully submitted

(Sigd) D S Jones.

which was approved and directed to be executed accordingly

[121] He also presented the following

The Counsel of the Corporation herewith presents to the Board for execution Grants to Edward W Laight—William Laight—Henry Laight Benjamin Laight—and Maria Laight and Dominick Lynch respectively for water Lots on the East River between Scammel & Walnut Sts the five first of which grants have been drawn conformably to the Report of the Comptroller which was agreed to by the Board on the 24th Jany last, and the last has been drawn conformably to that Report and the petition of Mr Lynch which was presented to the Board on the 14th ulto—the counterparts of all these grants except the one to Mr Lynch have been duly executed by the Grantees, and the Counsel submits to the Board the propriety of executing the grant to Mr Lynch and delivering the same as an escrow to become effectual upon the execution of the counterpart by the grantee

respectfully submitted

(Sigd) D S Jones.

Which was approved and they were directed to be executed agreably to said Report.

The Counsel agreably to order presented a memorial to the Legislature praying authority to [122] *to* regulate the anchoring of Vessels in the River opposite the several Ferries, and also a Bill corresponding therewith, which were approved and directed to be authenticated and forwarded to the Legislature forthwith.

The Counsel presented an ordinance entitled "a law relative to the side walks or foot paths" drawn in pursuance of instructions from the Street Committee and St Commissioner which was read by paragraphs and passed.

The Counsel presented the following

The Council of the Board herewith presents to the Common Council for execution Releases to *to* Messrs Schermerhorn & Codwise from the Corporation of the quit rents reserved on the grants to those Gentlemen respectively at Beekman Slip and on the Grants to Mr George Bowne at the said Slip. These releases are drawn in pursuance of the agreement entered into with Messrs Schermerhorn and Codwise that their property at Beekman Slip should be discharged from the payment of quit rent in consequence of their late sale to the Corporation of their water right between Burling and Beekman Slip

The Counsel also presents for execution [123] a Bond to Mr Peter Schermerhorn for fifteen thousand Dollars for the consideration money of the said purchase. Mr Schermerhorn having agreed to advance the amount payable to Mr Codwise and take a Bond payable in three years with Interest at six per cent payable semi annually for the sums to be paid to Mr Codwise and himself.

respectfully submitted

Sigd D S Jones.

Which was approved and the Releases and Bond were directed to be executed accordingly

The Committee on laws and ordinances to whom was refered a Resolution to enquire whether any and what alterations ought to be made in the law in relation to Slaves & also the memorial of the Committee of grievances appointed by the people of color in relation to the same. Reported, that after mature deliberation on the subject they recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that "the Law in relation to Slaves" passed 1st March 1813 be, and the same is hereby repealed.

(Sigd) J Nitchie. Chn Come Laws

which was approved and the Resolution recommended passed

[124] The Finance Committee to whom was refered a resolution to enquire whether any beneficial alteration can be made in the law in relation to those intestate estates to which the Chamberlain of the City is administrator Reported that after mature deliberation on the subject they are of opinion that the importance of that trust is so great that it is requisite that the person exercising it should be able to give his whole attention to the duties of the office at all times when such attention is required—This cannot be done so well by an officer whose time must be principally devoted to another employment. They therefore have requested the Counsel of the Board to prepare a memorial

and Bill to be presented to the Legislature making such alterations in the present law as the Committee think expedient to be enacted the said Bill and Memorial they present as part of their report

(Signed) A H Lawrence
J Nitchie
J Mapes
Reuben Munson

The Report together with the accompanying [125] Memorial & Bill being read—the same were approved and the memorial was directed to be duly authenticated and with the Bill to be transmitted forthwith to the Legislature.

The City Inspector presented Drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N° 40 to N° 50 which were passed

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of Daniel E Tylee and Jane Ellis reported that on examining M^r Tylee's objections, he cannot perceive any good reasons, for exempting M^r Tylee or M^rs Ellis from any part of the assessment

M^r Tylee not being satisfied with the Street Commissioner's opinion, promised to hand in his objections in writing, that they might accompany this Report, to the Common Council for them to determine thereon, but he has not yet delivered them

near two thirds of the whole assessment on the other proprietors is collected, and very few objections made

which is respectfully submitted

Which was approved.

[126] The Street Commissioner on the petition of Charles Mooney reported—that the Petitioner is entitled to the sum of Six hundred and eighty $^{88}/_{100}$ Dollars being the balance due him for paving Cherry Street

And that the sum of eight hundred and eight $^{55}/_{100}$ Dollars remains due on the Street, for which a warrant has been issued, but as six months must elapse before the property can be sold and the money received, He recommends that the Corporation advance five hundred Dollars to the Contractor, as it would be a hard case to keep him out of his money, for so long a time, after the work is completed

which is respectfully submitted

Whereupon it was ordered that a warrant issue in favor of Charles Mooney for five hundred Dollars.

The Street Commissioner recommended to the Board that a Survey be made of the Shore along the North and East Rivers, as far as

their limits extend to shew the high and low water mark, with so much of the upland as will make it clearly understood—That along the North River to commence at the State prison—and that on the East [127] River to begin at Walnut Street

The advantage to the Corporation by having this Survey taken in time, must be very obvious, in granting water rights, and also be very useful by shewing where reservations for public purposes should be made

which is respectfully submitted

which was approved and the Street Commissioner was directed to carry the same into effect

The Street Commissioner on the Petition for paving Prince Street from the Bowery to the Broad Way reported that the same should be done and that the owners of the adjacent sunken Lots should be directed to fill in the same; which was approved and he was directed to report the necessary ordinances

The Street Commissioner reported that owing to some inadvertency in making the assessment for regulating Walnut Street one entire Block was left out; and he recommended the Assessment should be returned to the Assessors for revisal and correction. which was approved.

The Street Commissioner on the Petition of sundry [128] owners of Lots in Sullivan Street between Spring and Canal Street; reported that he has carefully examined the regulations for Sullivan Street and finds that no alterations can be made in favor of the Petitioners as the water cannot be turned into Thompson S^{t} with any advantage—which was approved.

The Canal Committee presented a Report recommending that application be again made to the Legislature agreably to the application made by this Board at the last Session requesting that the plan for draining the waters of Canal Street projected by Mess^{rs} Fulton Popplеton & Whitney may not be adopted and also that the Corporation may be permitted to colect the remaining sum due on the assessment of said Street—which report was approved and the same Committee were requested to prepare a Memorial to the Legislature & Bill corresponding therewith in conformity to said report & to transmit the same duly authenticated to the Legislature

[129] The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

F E Compy Nº 1

Oliver Hicks, Harnessmaker, 21. Elm St, 6th Wd vice Paul Powles resd

David Pulis, Cartman Nº 40 Provost 5 Wd " Peter Edsell "

Martin Swain, Printer Nº 146 Reed 5 Wd " John H Hoopper "

Nº 3.

Jacob J Roome, Sexton Nº 20 Nassau St 6 Wd " Robert Curtis "

Nº 15

James E Hyde Mason Nº 145 Chatham St 4 Wd " John Hitchcock "

Nº 18

John Chichester clerk Nº 255 pearl 2d Wd " Wm E Nexon "

Benjn Demilt Watchmaker 225 Dº 2d Wd " Saml Leggett "

Nº 22.

James Scott Pump maker 148 Lombardy 7 Wd " Francis Gantz "

Nº 30

John Connor, Butcher, First near Stanton 10 Wd " Chas Peck removd to Brooklyn

Nº 32

Eli Benedict, Grocer 65 Rutgers St 7 Wd " James Martine resd

Wm Bumsted, sash maker 110 Hester St 101 Wd " Thos Palmer Dº

Nº 36

Moses Egbert, Grocer, Budd St 8t Wd " Enoch Miller Dº

Nº 39

Thomas Durrey Accountt 147 BdWay 3 Wd " Nathl S Davis Joind another compy

The Street Commissioner presented returns of Delinquents on the following assessments [130] viz, for repaving Washington Street between Vesey and Barclay Street—for regulating and paving Vesey St from Greenwich St to the Wharf—for regulating and paving Arundle St from Division to Stanton St and for repaving Greenwich St from Partition to Vesey St. Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for collection of the same.

Doors closed.

This being the day agreably to the publication of the Comptroller to which estimates for contracts for farming out the Street manure

and the public Wharves piers and Slips would be received—The Board proceeded to open and examine those which had been offered, when it was resolved that the collection of the Street manure of the Western district be leased to Charles Dobbs for one year from the 1st May next, for the sum of Three thousand four hundred and fifty Dollars the sum offered by him—and that of the Eastern district be leased for the same period to Waters Furman for the sum of three thousand one hundred and fifty Dollars the sum offered by him. Resolved also that the public Wharves Piers and Slips be rented for one year from [131] the first of May next to Charles Smith for the sum of seventeen thousand Dollars—And Ordered that the council prepare the necessary contracts, and the contractors give sufficient sureties for the performance of their several contracts to be approved by the Chairman of the Committee of Finance (viz A H Lawrence)

The following Resolution was presented and agreed to.

Whereas it was one of the conditions of the sale recently made by Messrs Schermerhorn & Codwise of their water right at Beekman Slip that the whole of the Ferry now established at the Fly market Slip shall on or before the twelfth day of May next be removed from the said Fly market slip to Beekman Slip, and that the said Ferry shall be continued at Beekman Slip for and during some definite term. therefore in pursuance of the agreement made with those gentlemen—Resolved that some proper instrument in writing be prepared by the counsel of the Board, whereby this Board may be bound by covenant in such manner as the Attorney shall think fit, that the said Ferry shall be established at Beekman Slip as aforesaid and there [132] continue for the term of ten Years at the least

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to make enquiries respecting the Bill now before the Legislature to encorporate the Paules hook Steam Boat Ferry Company, and if the same in their opinion contains anything contrary to the rights or interest of the corporation that they prepare a memorial to the Legislature on the subject and forward the same duly authenticated, without delay.

Committee appointed Mr Nitchie Aldern Wendover Aldern Mapes.

The following Resolution was presented and agreed to. Resolved that a Committee consisting of one member from each ward be appointed to devise prepare and report a Plan for the laying out of the grounds belonging to the Corporation adjoining the new City Hall; also of the Grounds on which the Bridewell, Goal, Alms House now stand, & the manner which, in their opinion it would be most proper

and advantageous for the public Interest and to beautify the City, that said grounds should be disposed of.

[133] Committee appointed were

Alder[n]	Mesier	Alder[n]	Lawrence
"	Mapes	"	Buckmaster
M[r]	Lawrence	"	Wendover
Alder[n]	M[c]Cartee	"	Fish
"	Smith	"	Munson

The following motion was made—Resolved that the Stock of the Manhattan Company belonging to this Corporation be sold under direction of the Finance Committee in such sums & at such times as they shall judge expedient. the question being taken thereon the members voted as follows.

Affirmative 7. Alder[n] Mapes. M[c]Cartee. Dickenson Fish Mess[rs] Nitchie. Lawrence, Hardenbrook.

Negative 7. Alder[n] Buckmaster. Wendover. Munson. Mess[rs] Tucker. Mann. Burtis. Cannon.

The members being equally divided the Recorder gave the casting vote in the affirmative

M[r] Mann gave notice that he would at the next meeting move for a reconsideration.

Adjourned to meet this day fortnight

[134] The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$15400.00
Warrants not presented	250.00
	$15150.00

Whereupon warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Hays & Bogart	Watch	694.75
Farrington & White	D[o]	621.25
Holden & Lawrence	D[o]	474.25
Hedden & Angevine	D[o]	339.50
Anthony Woodward	1 Mo. Sal[ry] Ass[t] City Insp[r]	62.50
Peter Aymar	1 Q[r] Sal[ry] Collec[r] Corporation	156.00
P Becannon	1 Q[r] Sal[ry] Insp[r] Bread	200.00
J Hays	1 Mo. Sal[ry] in full for enforc[g] Sunday law	66.66
J. O Hoffman Esq[r]	cash p[d] acct Box Com Perry	200.00
City Dispensary	1 Y[rs] subscrip[n]	500.00
C Holt	6 Mo Subscrip[n] & advertiz[g] in Colum[n]	37.50
Bridges & Poppleton	Acct Maps & surveys	154.00
T & G Lovett	1[st] Instl[mt] regulat[g] Divis[n] S[t] f[r] Arundle to Grand	348.75
E Kelly	on acct filling Wharf foot Jay St	100.00

A Smyth on acct pavg vesey St		250.00
Thos Franklin Chf. Engr 1 Qr Salry & on Acct		207.63
E Gennings Supdt lamps		541.58
B Hart for powder. fr salute Birthday Washington		22.10
R Furman Supdt alms House	4000	8000.00
Do Do Treasr New Alms House	4000	
C Mooney in advce Acct pavg Cherry St By order Bd		500.00
		$14376.47
	Balance	$773.53

[135] In Common Council April 4th 1814

present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Mayor President

Peter Mesier		John Nitchie
Jonas Mapes		Jos Warren Brackett
Charles Dickenson		Augustine H Lawrence
Peter McCartee		Elisha W King
Thomas R. Smith	Aldermen	Gideon Tucker — Assistants
George Buckmaster		Mott Cannon
Peter H Wendover		Asa Mann
Nicholas Fish		Arthur Burtis
Reuben Munson		Wm A Hardenbrook
Jonathan Lawrence		

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Memorial was presented from Delegates from sundry religious Societies in the City recommending certain persons to the Common Council to be appointed Commissioners to distribute the School Money under the supplementary act of the Legislature for establishing Common Schools Ordered that the same be refered to the Committee [136] formerly appointed on that subject viz Mr Lawrence Alden Mesier Alden Lawrence

A Petition of Jeremiah Yooman was received stating, that he manufactures Rifles and that it is necessary to discharge them frequently in order to prove them and requesting a place may be assigned where he may discharge them—Resolved that Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

A Petition of C Carrow to erect a Vault in Courtlandt Street, was granted on the usual terms—a similar permission was given to Mrs Beekman for a vault in Church Street—and an application of Mrs Beekman to erect a lime House in Church St, was granted, under the direction of the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & St Commissioner

Two Petitions from sundry Inhabitants praying that Fair Street may be opened from Cliff Street to Beekman Slip—And a remonstrance against the same were read and refered to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner

[137] A Memorial of sundry persons praying that John A Crolius may be restored to the office of Inspector of Bread, was read and refered to the Committee on applications.

A Petition of John Grigg to be permitted to extend a vault under the side walk, was refered with authority to the Street Commissioner

A Petition of Daniel Nash to be employed in enforcing the Sunday law—of Evan Lewis for appointment of Inspector of Fire wood, and of John Van Buskirk as Sexton of Potters Field, were severally read and refered to the Committee of applications

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants praying the removal of the Exchange Market, a Petition of Sarah Mitchell, and of Sarah Shell for Hucksters stands, and of Cornelius Chivis & Alexander Jeroleman praying permission to exchange with each other stall N° 2 Spring St Market and Stall N° 12 Washington Market—which were severally read and refered to the Market Committee.

A Petition that Lots owned by Henry Rankin and the Corporation of Trinity Church between Watts and Desbrosses Streets may be filled in so as to [138] compleat Washington Street—and a petition that Washington Street may be regulated from Charlton Street to the State prison, were severally read and refered to the Street Commissioner.

A Letter from F Huguet on the subject of using the water of the Manhattan Company at times of fire and stating the terms upon which the Manhattan Company would give the use of it was read and refered to the Committee to whom was refered the subject of sinking Cisterns &c

A Petition of Joseph S, and John S Watkins to be permitted to store Shingles on Lot corner of Murray and Washington Streets, was read and refered to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward & Chief Engineer

Two petitions praying that the Block of Houses standing on the angle formed by the intersection of Pearl, William & Stone Streets may be removed and two remonstrances against the said measure, were read and refered to the Committee on Streets & S^{t} Comss^{r}

A petition of Samuel Freeman to be appointed a Measurer of coals and grain &c and a [139] Petition of James Hallett Jun^{r} to be appointed a measurer and Inspector of lumber were read and granted

A Petition for a Well in Elm Street, and for one corner of Stanton & Attorney Sts, were read and refered to the Aldermen & Assistant of the respective Wards & Street Commissioner

A Petition from sundry owners of lots in Pearl between Chatham & Cross Streets was received stating that from a Map made in 1773 the Street (then Magazine now Pearl S^{t}) was laid down to be 50 feet wide. that it is not of that width, and praying that it may be widened, agreably to said survey was refered to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition for regulating and paving Delancy Street from Lewis Street to the Bulk head was read and refered to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of David Read for water grant on Lot twenty five feet running from Lewis Street to the East River, was read and refered to the Comptroller.

A Petition was received from W^{m} L. Simers complaining of an assessment on him for a Well [140] corner of Scammel & Lombardy Streets

Whereupon leave was given to Petitioner to withdraw his petition

The City Inspector presented Drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N^{o} 50 to N^{o} 70 which were passed

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

F E Comp^{y} No 4

Jacob Bazeau, copper smith, 185 Water S^{t}, 2^{d} W^{d},
vice Jon^{n} Munden, deceas^{d}

Joseph Bedell, whip maker, 19 Mai^{n} lane, 3^{d} W^{d},
vice James Clark, joined ano^{r} Comp^{y}

Jasper Corning, Acc^{t}, 25 Cedar S^{t}, 2^{d} W^{d},
vice Henry Coenhoven, Deceas^{d}

F E Comp^{y} N^{o} 24

Tho^{s} Constantine, Cab^{nt} Maker, 239 Pearl S^{t}, 2^{d} W^{d},
vice, Ja^{s} Stevenson res^{gd}

F E Comp^{y} N^{o} 25

Joseph L Webb, Merch^{t}, 10 Bow^{y} lane, 6th W^{d}, vice W^{m} Tilton D^{o}
James J Hoyt, Grocer, Peck slip, 4th W^{d}, vice Sam^{l} W Jennings D^{o}
John Seaman, Merch^{t}, 268 William S^{t} 4th W^{d},
vice Abel Hardenbrook remov^{d}

F E Compy Nº 26

Thompson Price, Baker, 188 Banker Stᵗ, 7 Wᵈ,
vice Walter Wiggins ret thro mistk

Ira Munson, Carpenter, 79 orchard Stᵗ, 10 Wᵈ
vice Caleb Fordham resᵈ

The Counsel presented to the Board for execution agreements on the part of the Corporation with Messrs Schermerhorn & Codwise respectively for [141] the removal of the present Ferry from Fly market Slip to Beekman Slip which agreements have been drawn by him in pursuance of the resolution of the Board on this subject passed at the last meeting of the Common Council

respectfully submitted
(Signed) D S Jones

Which was directed to be executed.

He also presented a lease to Burdett Striker for the Ferry house and lot of ground at Brooklyn for the term of five years from 1st May next at a rent of one hundred and fifty Dollars per annum, which lease was directed to be duly executed.

He also presented a lease for the public Wharves and Slips for one year from 1st May next to Charles Smith at the rent of seventeen thousand Dollars—which was directed to be executed and delivered to the Attorney as an Escrow untill the sureties are given by the Lessee agreably to contract

He also presented the contracts between the Corporation and Charles Dobbs and Waters Furman respectively relative to the removal of Dirt from the Streets for the ensuing year, which have been drawn conformably to the Resolution of the Board at the last meeting

[142] The counterparts of these contracts have been executed by the contractors respectively and the requisite bonds given by them and the Sureties who have been approved of by the Chairman of the Finance Committee

respectfully submitted
(sigᵈ) D S Jones

which were directed to be duly executed.

The Street Commissioner presented a proposal from Peter G Stuyvesant to work and make the road on the 1st avenue from Stuyvesant Street to the North side of 22ᵈ Street, which was directed to be refered to the Committee on Surveys

The Street Commissioner stated, That he has effected a settlement

with Mr George Janeway relative to the opening of Cross Street, and that there is due him after deducting the amount assessed to him, Fifteen hundred and ninety three Dollars and thirty two cents—and recommends that a warrant be passed for that sum

respectfully submitted

(sigd) John McComb Jr St Comsr

Statement of the Settlement as per the above Report

Award of Arbitrators, To pay George Janeway [143] on the 3d day of Jany 1808	2700.00
Amt assessed to Geo Janeway deducted	1541.22
	1558.78
Interest on balc from 3d Jany 1808 to 3d Apl 1814—6 Yrs 3 Mo. @ 6 pr Ct	434.54
	$1593.32

Which was approved and a Warrant was directed to be reported accordingly.

The Street Commissioner presented returns of delinquents upon the following Assessments and Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors for collecting the same viz^{t} Assessments for opening Cross Street—for regulating & paving Gouverneur Street from Cherry to Water Street—for a Well in Harman Street near Market Street, and for a Well in Harman near Clinton Street.

The Street Commissioner agreably to a reference to him this day presented an ordinance for regulating & paving Delancy Street from Lewis St to the Bulkhead which was passed—He also presented an ordinance for regulating and paving Prince Street from the Bowery to Broadway which was passed—and Wm Stilwell John Brower & Stephen Kingsland were appointed Assessors.

He also reported on the Petition for regulating [144] Banker St, and presented an ordinance for regulating the same from Grand Street to one hundred fifty feet above Walnut Street which was passed and Solomon Wheeler Robert Coles and George Dominick were appointed assessorss—He also presented an Assessment for regulating Walnut Street from Grand to Water Street—and for regulating and paving Grand St from Arundle to Suffolk Street which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each.

The Street Commissioner stated, that since the monuments have been put down, under the direction of the Commissioners of Streets &

Roads, a Survey has been made of the property which was to have been conveyed to the Corporation, by the Assignee of the Estate of Kinder & C°; and others in exchange for the piece of ground, which was to have been conveyed to them by the Corporation, in pursuance of the Report of the Comptroller and Street Commissioner of 13th December last, Upon this survey it appears that the property to be conveyed to the Corporation consists of two small triangular pieces of ground, the one bounded by 41st St on the North by the Bloomingdale, road and 177 feet on the Southerly side—the other bounded by the 6th avenue on the west [145] and by lands of the Corporation on the East and South and being 57 feet 6 inches along the Sixth Avenue. 54 ft 6 in on the Easterly side, and 16 feet on the westerly side—And it appears that the property which the Corporation are to convey in exchange for the above, is bounded by the 6th avenue on the East, by 41st Street on the South and by lands of the said assignees on the north being 43 ft 6 inches on the 6th avenue, 152 feet on 41st Street and 162 ft 6 in. on the northerly side, according to the valuation which was heretofore made by Messrs Slidell and Taylor. The value of the two Triangles belonging to Kinder & Co is $182.82 and the value of the one belonging to the Corporation is $113.84, making a balance in favor of the former of $68.98 The Street Commissioner therefore recommends that a warrant for the last mentioned sum, be reported in favor of the Counsel of the Corporation, to be paid by him to the Assignees of Kinder & Co Estate upon the execution of the conveyance on each side

respectfully submitted

(Sigd) John McComb Jr St Comsr

Which was approved and a warrant was directed to issue in favor of the Counsel of the Board and he was directed to draft the necessary conveyances.

[146] The Street Commissioner on the Petition for regulating part of Sullivan Street Reported That in his opinion that part of Sullivan Street ought to be regulated & paved agreably to the request of the Petitioners—And that Coln Varrick has consented that the Earth that may be necessary to regulate that part of the Street, may be taken from the front of his property—provided it is done so as not to injure him respectfully submitted

(Sigd) John McComb St Comsr

which was approved.

The Battery Committee presented a report on the subject of leasing the Flagstaff, which after some consideration thereon, was directed to be refered back to said Committee

The Commissioners of Estimate & Assessment appointed by the Supreme Court for opening the Second Avenue reported. That they have attentively viewed the ground required for opening said avenue and adjoining thereto, and are of opinion, that it would not be expedient at present to extend said avenue beyond the north line of 29th Street on Kip's [147] Bay Farm—From 29th Street to Beekman's Gate The buildings to be paid for are of much greater value than the adjacent ground can be reasonably deemed benefitted, and were the ground for the avenue obtained, the natural obstacles to be overcome in making a road from the northerly part of Kips Bay Farm to Beekmans Gate are such that public convenience would not require so great an expence for many years to come.

We have considered it our duty to submit our views of this subject to your consideration and are respectfully Yours

(Signed) Edward W Laight
John McKesson
Ezekiel Bishop

Which was approved.

The Committee on wharves piers and Slips & Street Commissioner to whom was refered the petition of Wm Rhinelander reported. That they have carefully examined the objections and also the terms of the grant to Mr Rhinelander and are fully of opinion that the proportion of the expence as fixed by the Street Commissioner is just and what Mr Rhinelander ought to pay—viz^{t} Seven hundred and Sixty [148] two Dollars and eighty cents

respectfully submitted

(Signed) Peter McCartee
Charles Dickenson
George Buckmaster
John McComb Jr

Which was approved. St Comr

The Committee on the petition of the Bakers presented a report the consideration of which was postponed

Alderm McCartee presented the following which was agreed to—Resolved that the following shall constitute a condition in the letting or

leasing the Flag Staff on the Battery viz. The flag staff shall not be kept open excepting so far as to permit persons to go on the balcony nor shall any liquors fruits or refreshments of any kind be sold in the flag Staff or on the piazza of the Flag Staff by the lessee or by any person under him directly or indirectly on the lords day, under the penalty of the forfeiture of his lease and the sum of two hundred Dollars to the Lessors.

Mr King presented the following, which was [149] agreed to. Resolved that the resolution of this Board requiring all assessments to be advertized for one week previous to being presented for confirmation, be rescinded and that it be left to the discretion of the Street Commissioner to advertize those only whose importance or intricacy may in his opinion require such notice.

Resolved that the Commissions of the several persons now exercising the office of City sealers of weights and measures & Beams be and the same are hereby revoked.

Resolved that John Brower be and he is hereby appointed Sealer of Weights Measures and beams in and for the City of New York

On motion of Mr King the law passed at the last Meeting entitled "a law relative to sidewalks or foot paths" was reconsidered and amended, and the law so amended was directed to be engrossed and published in the papers of the Common Council.

This being the period prescribed by law for the appointment of Inspectors for the annual State Election the Common Council proceeded [150] to that duty when the following persons were appointed

1st Wd	Caleb S Riggs James Heard John T Irwing	2d Wd	Peter Hawes Stephen Van Wyck James Townsend
3d Wd	Anthony Post John Stoutenburgh Abraham Stagg	4th Wd	Joel Post Leonard Fisher Eldad Holmes
5th Wd	Jonas Minturn Geo W Strong Wm H Ireland	6th Wd	Clarkson Crolius Josiah Hedden William Wright
7th Wd	Samuel Torbert Beal N Lewis Robert McDermutt	8th Wd	Edmund Kerby James Walsh Saml M Thompson
9th Wd	Cornelius Harsin William Bradey William A Davis.	10th Wd	Solomon Wheeler Nichls W Stuyvesant Peter Ogilvie

The Comptroller Reported

Cash in the Treasury	$6,309.27

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

J Morton 1 Qrs Salry City Inspr & recvr Clerk to 4th & 10th Inst	437.50
J McComb cash paid sundry Bills public work	141.17
A Smyth for repairing Washingn Vesey Sts	131.63
C M[o]oney regulatg Broome to Clark St	71.35
Do Do Clark St	123.78
[151] S Wheeler & others sundy Expens opens Leonard St	326.37
T & G Lovett balc Well pump in Lewis St	45.00
Wm McKay cleaning Wells	13.31
A Smyth for repairing the intersection Greenwich St	42.62
J McComb New City Hall	1000.00
Richd Furman Alms House	3000.00
	$5332.73
Balance in Treasy	$976.54

Adjourned to meet this day Fortnight

[152] In Common Council April 18th 1814

present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Mayor President*

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	John Nitchie
Jonas Mapes	Joseph W Brackett
Charles Dickenson	Augustine H Laurence
Peter McCartee	Elisha W King
Thomas R Smith	Gideon Tucker
Jonathan Lawrence	Mott Cannon
George Buckmaster	Asa Mann
Peter H Wendover	Arthur Burtis
Nicholas Fish	Wm A Hardenbrook
Reuben Munson	Noah Brown

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The following persons appointed Inspectors of the ensuing annual state Election presented their resignations, which were accepted and those hereafter mentioned were appointed in their stead.

* A memorandum in pencil apparently supplied at a later date reads *& Mr Recorder Hoffman.*—ED.

2d Ward

Peter Haws	resgd	&	Cornelius Bogert	appoind
Stephen Van Wyck	"	"	Willett Seaman	"
James Townsend	"	"	Jeremiah Vanderbilt	"

[153] 3d Ward

Anthony Post	"	"	John Bogert	"
Abm Stagg	"	"	Antv C Underhill	"
Isaac Stoutenburg	"	"	Benjn Ferris	"

6th Wd

William Wright	"	"	John Baker	"

7th Wd

Samuel Torbert	"	"	William B Crosby	"

10th Wd

Peter Ogilvie	"	"	John Pell	"

A resignation from Josiah Hedden of the 6th Ward was received but not accepted.

The City Inspector stated that in consequence of a conversation with Philip Church Esqr on the subject of the means devised in Europe for carrying off the refuse water from the Houses and Streets in their Cities, Mr Church had on a late visit to England procured drawings of the various drains and sewers there used, together with reports from Civil Engineers to the Commissioners of Sewers in London, and sundry other explanatory documents on that subject, which he had the honor to present in the name of Mr Church to the Common Council for their use.

[154] Whereup[on] Resolved that the thanks of this Common Council be presented to Mr Church for his zeal and attention to the interests of this City in procuring documents so interesting and important to its future regulations.

A Petition was received from Benjamin Taylor requesting in behalf of the owners of a carriage made to run on the ice without Horses, permission to construct a carriage House and railway, on the top of the Rampart of the Battery, to run the same upon until the 1st November next

Ordered Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A memorial from Isabella Graham and several ladies of the City proposing to form an Institution to be entitled "a Society for the

promotion of Industry" for the purpose of giving employment to the industrious poor and soliciting the aid of the Common Council by furnishing them with a building for that purpose; was read & refered to the Committee upon the report of the Comptroller on the subject of a new organization of the Alms House *viz Alder^{n} Fish—Lawrence—Munson—M^{r} Nitchie Brackett

A Petition of Hannah Desnoyers for Hucksters stand in the Market—of Catharine Smith for Stall N^{o} 19 Catharine Market lately held by her Husband George Smith deceas^{d}—and from John Abell for Stall N^{o} 23 Fly market were severally read & refered to the Market Committee

A Remonstrance against the removal of the Exchange Market, was read and refered to the Market Committee.

A Petition to repave Beekman St from Chatham to William St—A Petition to repave Liberty St from Broadway to Greenwich St—And a Petition for paving Charlton St were read and refered to the Street Commissioner

A Communication was received from a Committee of "The Society for the promotion of useful arts" stating that considering the great benefit which would result from the discovery of fossil coal in the vicinity of the navigable waters of this State they had determined to solicit aid to enable them to employ persons skilled in mineral*al*ogy to examine the Country in the [156] *in the* vicinity of our navigable waters and if any district from its geological structure indicated the existence of Coal that suitable borings should be made to ascertain the fact—and they solicited pecuniary aid from the Common Council for this object

Whereupon Resolved that the same be refered to Alder^{n} Mesier Alder^{n} Munson M^{r} King.

A petition of Francis Lines—of Stephen Roe and of Angus Sutherland for appointment of wood Inspector—of George Moore for appointment of Inspector & Measurer of lumber—and of Nathan Jennings for appointment to some office under the Common Council, were severally read & refered to the Committee on applications

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that the Seal of Mayoralty having become so much worn as to be no longer legible, he had directed a new one of Steel to be made which he presented. Whereupon Resolved that the Seal sunk in Steel now presented be hereafter considered as the Seal of Mayoralty of the City of New York, and

* New page, not numbered.—Ed.

be affixed as such in attestation of all [157] papers and Documents wherein the said Seal is by law and custom to be used

It having been also represented, that the City Seal and the Seal of the Mayors Court had by long usage become much worn, it was refered to the following Committee to take order, on causing new Seals to be sunk. The Committee were M^r^ King M^r^ Brackett Alder^n^ Smith.

It was also ordered that the Comptroller audit the account and report a Warrant, for executing the Mayoralty Seal, & cause the old seal to be broken up and destroyed

A Petition of Elizabeth Shrader praying aid towards payment of an assessment for opening Cross St was read and refered to the Committee of Charity

A Memorial from sundry Inhabitants in Chapple Street Anthony Street & Leonard Street was received stating that they had been served with ordinances directing them to empty the water from their cellars—that the water in their [158] Cellars was owing to the stoppage of the Drain in Chapple Street and praying the same may be opened and that time be given them to comply with the ordinances—Ordered that the same be refered to the Street Commissioner and City Inspector to report their opinion on the subject

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Manhattanville complaining of the road leading from Manhattanville to the Kingsbridge Road being shut up by David Mullinor was read & refered to the Committee on Surveys

A Petition from John Comey as Agent for the estate of Daniel Phœnix praying that certain sunken Lots on columbia Street may be

filled up was read and refered to the Alderman & Assistant of the 10th Ward

A Memorial from sundry Inhabitants complaining of the riotous conduct of boys assembling on sundays at the african church corner of Leonard and church St, and of the extreme late hour of the night to which the exercises in said Church are continued, was read and referred to the police Magistrates.

[159] A further petition of Wm Johnson late Lessee of public Slips stating the extreme hardship of his contract for said Slips, and praying a further remission of the sum due from him was read

Whereupon Resolved that upon payment by him of the sum of Two thousand Dollars the Attorney be authorized to enter satisfaction upon the Judgment obtained against him

A Memorial from the Inhabitants in the vicinity of the Drain in Chapple St was read stating that it was necessary to widen the street at the commencement of said drain at the junction of Chapple & Church St. Ordered that it be refered to the Committee on Streets and St Commissioner

A Memorial was received from the New York and Jersey Steam Boat ferry Company stating that an act of the Legislature had passed incorporating said Company, that by said act power is given to said Company to erect (with the consent of the Common Council) a wooden building for the accomodation of the Ferry—That power was also given by said act to the Common Council to regulate the lying of Vessels in the Stream opposite the Ferry—and requesting [160] the Common Council to take the necessary steps in the premises. Ordered that the same be refered to the Ferry Committee

A Petition of Patrick Welsh was read stating that he was next of kin to James Welsh who died intestate. That the Chamberlain of the City had administered upon the estate and had received certain sums of Money & property on account of said estate, and praying the same may be paid to him. Ordered that the same be refered to the Council of the board & Chamberlain.

A Memorial of Rodman Bowne & Moses Rogers praying some alteration at Catharine Slip for the accomodation of the Horse Ferry Boat was read & refered to the Ferry Committee

The Battery Committee on the subject of leasing the Flag Staff Reported. That the present Lessees have given universal satisfaction and finding them highly recommended by all those of our fellow citizens who frequent that public resort, are induced to recommend them again as lessees for the term of three years, commencing from the first

Inst subject however to be [161] occupied by the Corporation should the public interest in the interim require any other occupation of the Battery or Flagstaff

The terms recommended by your Committee are four hundred Dollars per annum. The Lessees to paint immediately the Flag Staff to keep the same during the term in good repair, to superintend and keep off all disorderly persons from the Battery and Bowling Green to keep clean the Walks, and to trim and take care [of] the trees in both places, and the lease to contain moreover a clause forfeiting the term and further subjecting the lessees to the penalty of two-hundred Dollars in case the provisions of the Sunday law should at any time during the term be in the least violated

all which is respectfully submitted

(Sig^{d}) Peter Mesier
J Nitchie
J Mapes

On the question of agreeing to the report of the Committee a Division having been called it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative. 12

M^{r} Recorder, Alder^{n} Mesier—Mapes—Dickenson M^{c}Cartee. Fish—Smith. Mess^{rs} Nitchie—Brackett Lawrence King. Hardenbrook.

[162] Negative 9

Alder^{n} Lawrence—Buckmaster—Wendover—Munson. Mess^{rs} Cannon—Mann—Burtis—Brown

Whereupon the Council was directed to cause the necessary leases to be drawn and executed

The Street Committee and Street Commissioner, on the petition and remonstrance respecting the opening of Fair Street reported that after a careful examination of the subject, with the reasons for and against the proposed improvement they are unanimously of opinion that it would be of great advantage to that part of the City in particular, to have Fair Street opened from Cliff Street to Pearl St and improved agreably to a plan accompanying this Report—especially as the Ferry is now established at Beekman Slip, and from which a direct communication will be opened across the City. they therefore recommend that the Council of the Corporation be instructed to take the proper measures to have the contemplated improvement carried into effect

The Committee however deem it proper to state, that as the property in the vicinity of Fair Street and Beekman Slip, will in their

[163] opinion be greatly enhanced in value by such improvement they would suggest the propriety of laying the whole expense on the property in that neighbourhood—and that the Corporation be exonerated from any part thereof

all which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) E W King
Peter M^cCartee
G Buckmaster
John M^cComb J^r S^t Com^sr

Which was approved and the Council was directed to take the necessary legal steps for effecting the same

The Comptroller presented for execution the Bonds for the purchase of the Hamilton Square Lots in conformity to the Settlement of the Board with the late proprietors made 1^st day of february last viz

Proprietors	Lots	when payble	amount
Isaac Clawson	1 & 3	1 Aug. 1815	2877.50
Abraham Barker	2.4.23 24.27	Do	5054.66
Joel Post	8	Do	1268.50
Burnell Brown	11	1 July	772.00
John Mowatt J^r	10	Do	1357.00
Isaac Carrow	17	Do	690.10
Isaac Heyer	19	1 Aug^t	594.70
[164] John Jackson	28	1 Aug^t	678.40
David S Jones	13 & 18	Do	1614.20
Samuel Campbell	15		830.50
Robert Bogardus	5 & 7		1835.00
William Ross	16 & 9		1431.00
Jotham Post J^r	6		1268.00
J Dunlap & others	12		1357.00
P. W. Radcliff	14.20 & 22		2998.20

There yet remains unsettled John S Hunn for N^o 21. M^r Hunn has *yet* an account with the Corporation yet unadjusted, both can therefore be settled at the same time

M^r Robert M^cMenomy is enti[t]led to $660.11 for Lot N^o 26 but some difficulty exists relative to his title.

M^r Edward Dunscomb is entitled to $666.70 for Lot N^o 24 for which he wishes the money instead of a bond

respe[c]tfully submitted

(Sig^d) Tho^s R Mercein Comp^r

Which was approved and the Bonds directed to be duly executed, and a Warrant in favor of Edward Dunscomb for $666.70 to be reported

The following were presented by the Compr

The undersigned who were on the 24th Jany [165] last by a resolution of the honorable Common Council appointed "Commissioners to negociate an exchange of property with the government of the United States for the property now occupied by them in the rear of the Custom House on such terms as they should judge most conducive to the interests of the City of New York, respectfully report

That presuming it would require an act of Congress to authorize the contemplated exchange and persuaded their personal attendance at Washington was indispensable, they proceeded to the Seat of Government and in consequence of the liberal treatment & courtesy of the members of the administration & of Congress the requisite law was passed in a much shorter time than could under the press of other business have been reasonably expected—A copy of the act accompanies this report. a negociation predicated on the said act was entered into with the Secretary at war which resulted as will appear by memorandum of the agreement. having completed that arrangement, the interest of the City required them to return without delay, to endeavour to obtain the property required by the war Department, without making the negociation public, which has been effected as will appear by the agreement

*[165] The undersigned are induced to believe this arrangement will be the more acceptable as it was made on terms of liberality on the part of the General Government and favorable to the Corporation and especially because it has eventuated in the location of lands necessary to additional and permanent Fortifications for the defence of our Harbour in a situation deemed the most important and commanding

all which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) James Fairlie
Thos R Mercein

The Comptroller has the honor to represent that if the honl the Common Council deem it expedient to confirm the arrangements entered into by the Commissioner appointed to make an exchange with the government of the United States of certain lands &c &c it is requisite to place in their hands the amount of the purchase money which they are to pay for the property at the Narrows to wit eighteen thousand seven hundred fifty Dollars—this Sum can be obtained from one of the Banks on Loan until the proceeds of the sales of the property for which this is given is received when the same with the in-

* Clerk's error in numbering.—Ed.

terest can be paid therefrom [166] without any interference with the ordinary receipts and expenditures of the City Treasury

respectfully submitted

(Sigd) Thos R Mercein Compr

Whereupon Resolved that the agreements entered into by James Fairlie & Thomas R Mercein Esqrs in behalf of this Corporation as above set forth be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed. Resolved also that the Comptroller under direction of the finance Committee be authorized to borrow the sum of eighteen thousand seven hundred fifty Dollars for the purposes above mentioned, and that the bonds of the corporation issue therefor.

Resolved further that a committee be appointed to consider and report such suitable testimony of thanks and approbation to Messrs Farlie and Mercein for their zealous and able negociation in the aforementioned purchase as the said Committee shall deem proper

Comtee. Mr Lawrence—Mann—King

The Committee on the petition of Joseph & John Watkins reported, that as it is intended merely to yard the Shingles at the place mentioned in petition, and not with an intention of shaving them, the prayer of the [167] petition ought to be granted

(Signed) Thos R Smith
Gideon Tucker
Thos Franklin

Which was approved.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

F Engn Compy No 2.

Robt King, Mathl Inst Maker, 16 Elm St 6 Wd,

vice Caleb Williams resgd

Roger Williams, rigger, 93 Catharine St 7 Wd,

vice Joseph Cumbo Do

F E C No 36

Christopher Heizer, Tallow Chandler, Greenwich St, 8th Wd,

vice Elkana Mead, do

At the suggestion of the Street Commissioner Ezekiel Bishop was appointed Assessor in the ordinance for regulating Banker St in place of Robt Coles who had left the City

The Street Commissioner on the petition for removing a Pump in Partition St. reported in favor of the same, and presented an ordinance therefor, which was referd to the Aldern & Assist of the Ward

The Street Commissioner presented the following ordinances which were passed. Viz[t] for regulating Sullivan Street from Spring [168] to Broome St in which W[m] Stilwell. Lemuel Skidmore & Ezekiel Bishop were appointed Assessors—For a well in Elm St between Hester & Grand St—For repaving Beekman St from Chatham to William St. in each of which Solomon Wheeler Stephen Kingsland & George Dominick were appointed Assessors—For regulating & paving South Street from Burling Slip to the Easterly side of Beekman Slip—And for paving Charlton St from the Easterly Kennel of Greenwich St to about 150 feet East of Hudson Street—in each of which W[m] Stilwell Ezekiel Bishop & Charles Stewart were appointed Assessors

The Street Commissioner presented a report on the law respecting the regulation of stoops which was refered to the Committee on Streets

The Street Commissioner on the petition for opening Washington Street from Charlton St to the State prison, reported in favor of the petition which was approved.

The Street Commissioner presented a return of Delinquents on Assessments for opening Leonard St at Orange St—For a Drain in [169] Broad St—and for a Well in Scammel St for which warrants were ordered to be issued to the collectors.

Resolved that the Clerk of the Common Council make a report to the Board of all persons holding appointments under the authority of the Corporation, and that he require by advertizements in the gazettes all persons holding such appointments to report themselves to him and that the Commissions of those who do not so report themselves be considered as vacated

Resolved that the Street Commissioner make out and present to this Board a list of Delinquents on Assessments in order that the property assessed may be advertized according to law

A Resolution was presented directing South St to be paved between Burling Slip & Easterly side of Beekman Slip which was refered to the Street Commissioner who immediately reported an ordinance therefor which was passed.

[170] The following was presented

Resolved that Peter R Sprainger be removed from the office of Assistant Street Commissioner—On the question of agreeing to the same it was carried in the affirmative as follows.

Affirmative 11.

M[r] Recorder—Alder[n] Mesier—Mapes—Dickenson—M[c]Cartee—Fish—Mess[rs] Nitchie—Brackett—Lawrence King—Hardenbrook

Negative 10

Alder[n] Smith. Lawrence. Buckmaster. Wendover Munson Mess[rs] Tucker, Cannon Mann Burtis Brown.

The Board then proceeded to Ballot for a person to fill the vacancy when Adrian B Holmes was duly elected

Resolved that the Comptroller be requested to report to this Board the situation of the Hay scales—to whom leased, at what rate & all other information in relation to the same

Alder[n] Mesier presented the following

Resolved that the expediency of appointing Commissioners to superintend & keep in repair the Roads on this Island be refered to a Committee which was agreed to & refer[d] to the Road Com[tee]

[171] Resolved that the subject of obstructions in the river by setting Poles in the same for the purpose of affixing thereto fishing nets be refered to Alder[n] Mesier Alder[n] Buckmaster Alder[n] Fish

M[r] Fish presented a Resolution to prevent Dogs running at large in the City which was refered to the council to report ordinances agreably thereto

Resolved that the Ferry Committee be requested to cause a partition fence to be made between the lands of the Corporation & M[r] Black at Horns Hook.

The Comptroller reported

Accounts audited and paid since the last Meeting of the Board

Hays & Bogert City Watch	694.75
Farrington & White "	621.25
Hedden & Angevine "	339.50
Holden & Lawrence "	474.25
E Jennings Sup[dt] of Lamps to 11[th]	505.76
	$2635.51

Which were agreed to

he further reported

[*171] Cash in the Treasury	$42083.88

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

W M Summers Insp[r] bread 1 Q[r] ending 8 Inst	86.70
J Leonard reporting list passengers 6 Mo to 1 Feb[y]	25.00
A Woodward Ass[t] City Insp[r] 1 Mo ending 15 april	62.50
Lewis & Hall 1 Q[rs] subscrip[n] Commercial Advertis[r]	37.50

* Clerk's error in numbering.—ED.

S Nichols for new lamps & repr^s to old ones	38.12
Jas Richardson repr^s to wells	31.00
C Oneil D^o D^o	45.43
J Wallace repairs to Gouverneurs market	52.98
Anderson & Halsey 1^st Inst^lmt Piers & Bulkhead Brooklyn	1582.00
John Gildersleeve D^o for filling in Slip at D^o	157.50
A Smyth on account filling up Collect St	400.00
A Stagg D^o D^o paving Grand St	100.00
E Kelly D^o D^o filling Jay St Wharf	100.00
R Moran D^o D^o paving Broadway	147.41
R Furman Sup^dt Alms House & Bridewell	5000.00
D^o paymaster for New Alms House	10000.00
W Fish City Treas^r for Int^st City Stock due 1 Feb^y	10500.00
D^o to repay for dr^ft on Canandaigua Bank for sufferers on Western frontier by order of Board	3000.00
James Wallace Sup^dt of Repairs	500.00
R Furman Treas^r Washington market	2000.00
	$33866.14
Balance	$8217.74

[173] In Common Council May 2^d 1814

present The Hon^l DeWitt Clinton Mayor President

Peter Mesier Jonas Mapes Charles Dickenson Peter M^cCartee Thomas R Smith George Buckmaster Peter H Wendover Nicholas Fish Reuben Munson	Aldermen
John Nitchie Augustine H Lawrence Elisha W King Gideon Tucker Mott Cannon Asa Mann W^m A Hardenbrook Noah Brown.	Assistants

This being the period for quarterly visitation of the Alms House & Bridewell the Board performed that duty.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

The City Inspector presented ordinances for filling in certain sunken Lots in Columbia St from N^o to N^o which were passed.

A Petition of William Day for some employment [174] under the Common Council, and from Henry White for appointment of Measurer of grain, were severally read and refered to the Committee on applications

A Petition of Margaret Sarly for Hucsters Stand and of Walter

Durbrow & Catharine Smith that Stall N° 19 Catharine Market late occupied by George Smith deceased, Husband of Catharine Smith may be granted to said Durbrow, was read and refered to the Market Committee.

A petition of the Executors of Henry Morgan for permission to assign the lease of a lot at Peck Slip, leased to Henry & Benjamin Morgan was read and the prayer thereof granted

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants praying that the gutter in Murray Street between Washington St and the River may be repaved was read and refered to the Street Commissioner

A Complaint of sundry Inhabitants against the Furnace owned by Joshua Barker stating that from his use of pine wood instead of Coal the houses in the vicinity were constantly endangered by flakes of Fire falling on the roofs was read and refered to the Chief Engineer and fire [175] wardens of the ward

A Petition of Izabella Moore praying relief from a fine incurred under the law regulating Pawnbrokers was read—and Resolved that petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition

A petition from Samuel Stilwell was received stating that seven Years since he had allowed a fire Engine House for N° 19 to be erected on a lot belonging to him—for which he had received no compensation—that for the first two years he would charge no rent but thought $20 per annum for the remainder would not be unreasonable

Ordered to be refered to the Comptroller

A Memorial from Gilbert Smith physician of the Alms House requesting in consideration of encreased duties, an additional compensation—was refered to the Commissioners of the Alms House

The following were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

[176] F E C N° 10

Joseph Chandler, Gardner, Bowery, 10th Wd
vice Alexr Saunders resd

Daniel Townsend D° D° D°
vice Charles Bird D°

F E C N° 30

Richard J Furman, Rope maker, 58 Pump St, 10th Wd
vice Blaze Ten Brook D°

An Invitation of the Trustees of the N Y Free School to attend their annual Procession & the exercises of the Scholars on Monday next at ½ past 9 OClock was read and accepted.

An invitation from the literary & philosophical society to attend at an address to be delivered by their President (the Hon[l] DeWitt Clinton) at the opening of their Society under their Charter on Wednesday next at 12 O Clock was read and accepted—A request of said Society for the use of the large Court room on that occasion was granted

An invitation from the College of Physicians & Surgeons of the University of the State of New York to attend their annual commencement at the College Hall in Barclay St on Tuesday next at 12 OClock was read and accepted

A Committee consisting of Cadwallader D Colden [177] David Hosack & William Cutting in behalf of the Academy of Arts, John Pintard, Peter Augustus Jay & Gulian C Verplank in behalf of the N Y Historical Society—and Samuel L Mitchell. John Griscomb & James A Smith in behalf of the Literary & Philosophical Society attended and presented a Memorial in behalf of the said Institutions praying from the Corporation a grant of the ground and the building thereon occupied as the Bridewell for the accomodation of the said Societies and for the purposes of their respective Institution

Ordered that the same be refered to Alder[n] Mesier Alder[n] Buckmaster Alder[n] Fish Alder[n] Wendover M[r] Lawrence

The Council presented for approbation a petition to the Judges of the Supreme Court. for appointing Commissioners to widen straighten & extend Fair Street and also a petition to open & extend North Street which were directed to be duly authenticated

He also presented for execution a petition to the Supreme Court praying that a former [178] application relative to opening a part of Second Avenue and all proceeding thereupon may be discontinued; and another petition praying for the appointment of Commissioners for the opening of the said avenue from North Street to the Northerly side of Twenty ninth Street, which petitions have been drawn pursuant to the report of the Commissioners for opening Second avenue, made by them to the Common Council on the 4[th] of April last & approved by the Board on that day

(Signed) D S Jones.

Which was approved & the petition directed to be duly authenticated.

The Comptroller reported that in pursuance with the directions of the Board, he negociated a loan with the Mechanics Bank for the

Sum of eighteen thousand seven hundred fifty Dollars the purchase money for the property lately purchased at the Narrows, for which he presented a Bond to be executed—the said money has been received and paid to the parties and good & sufficient titles received for the property He further reported that the Sureties of W^m^ Johnson late lessee of the public Docks and Slips have paid the Sum of Two thousand Dollars as agreed on [179] at the last Meeting of the Board, which sum after deducting the costs of suit, has been paid into the City Treasury

respectfully submitted

(Sig^d^) Tho^s^ R Mercein Comp^r^

Which Report was approved & the Bond ordered to be executed

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for paving Crosby Street from Prince to Bleecker Street which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

The Street Commissioner on the petition of a number of proprietors of property in Washington Street Reported that several of the proprietors have not complied with the ordinance of 19^th^ October 1812 which directed Washington Street to be made between Beach & LeRoy Streets that ordinance having expired.

The S^t^ Com^sr^ therefore presented the Draft of an ordinance for making Washington Street from Laight Street to LeRoy Street and respectfully begs leave to suggest the propriety of having it confirmed in oreder that the Proprietors of Water lots may be compelled to make said St

(Sig^d^) John M^c^Comb St Com^sr^

[180] which was approved and the ordinance therein mentioned passed.

The St Com^sr^ & City Inspec^r^ on the petition of sundry owners & Lessees of property in Chapple St and its vicinity reported That they have examined into the premises and find the facts as stated in the petition are true that the cellars complained of cannot be kept clear of water until the conduit in Chapple St is cleared, and the outlet of water thro Lispenards Meadow is opened—They therefore recommend those outlets to be opened and cleared, and that the Superintendant of repairs be instructed to take measures accordingly

They also beg leave to suggest the propriety of some measures being taken towards the commencement of a suitable drain thro' those

low grounds, as many persons are seriously incommoded thereby, and the difficulty of its execution is encreased by every years delay

respectfully submitted

(Sig[d]) John M[c]Comb S[t] Com[r]
J Morton City Insp[r]

Which was approved.

[181] The Street Commissioner on the petition of sundry Owners of property in Pearl St pray[ing] to have the same widened reported that he has examined the situation of the Street and is fully of opinion that it would be of great advantage to those in the vicinity, if that part of Pearl Street was widened so as to be fifty feet wide, agreably to the request of the petitioners

It appears by a Survey made of that part of the Street in 1773 by two City Surveyors, that it was then intended to be 50 feet wide, and there is ground on that side of the Street belonging to the Corporation, more than sufficient for the improvement—But M[r] Janeway and others having had it in possession for a number of Years may perhaps have acquired some rights therein

He therefore respectfully recommends that the ground on the south side of Pearl Street from Chatham to Augustus Streets, requisite for the contemplated improvement thus far be taken according to law and that the Council of the Corporation be instructed to take measures to have it carried into effect

All which is respectfully submitted

(Sig[d]) John M[c]Comb Jun[r] S[t] Com[r]

Which was approved and the Council was [182] directed to take measures accordingly.

The Street Committee & St Commissioner on the petition for removing the block of buildings at intersection of Pearl Stone & William St[s] reported that on a full consideration of the advantages, as stated by the petitioners and of the inconveniences as set forth in the remonstrance against the measure—are unanimously of opinion that the removal of said block of buildings will be of great benefit to that part of the City, that it will improve the appearance and much enhance the value of the property in the vicinity, as well as promote the convenience of trading part of the community

They therefore can see no reasonable objection why the request of the petitioners should not be granted—especially as your committee have been informed that one of the four proprietors, has joined in the re-

quest to have the buildings removed, & that a willingness is shewn on the part of the applicants to make the proprietors full restitution, and also to exonerate the Corporation from any share in the expence

They therefore recommend that the council to the Corporation be instructed to take proper [183] measures to have this improvement carried into effect—The Committee however think it well to remark, that as the buildings to be removed are of considerable value, it will be proper that the Petitioners take such measures as will be requisite to secure the Corporation from any expence that may accrue in making the improvement

All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) E W King
G Buckmaster
Peter McCartee
John McComb Jr St Comr

Which was approved and the Council was instructed to carry the same into effect causing the Corporation to be indemnified from any expenses attending said removal.

The Superintendant of the Alms House presented the following; being the Annual Report of that Institution & the Bridewell which was directed to be printed

Report &c

Paupers in and admitted in the House from 1st apl 1813 to 1st apl 1814..	2930
Discharged 1474 died 255 total dischd & died.....	1729
Remaining in the House Apl 1st 1814.....	1201
consisting of [184] 241. Men 408 Women 320 Boys 232 Girls.....total	1201
642 of which are of City of N Y. 88 State of N Y 125 United States 73 England 41 Scotland 163 Ireland 48 Germany 3 France 8 West Indies 10 Africa .....total	1201
Number of prisoners & vagrants in the City Prison & Bridewell on 1st day April 1814 to wit 56 Men 128 Women.....total	184
Number of Maniacs in the City Assylum at the expence of the Alms House 1st Apl 1814 to wit 26 Men 19 Women.....	45
Donations given & distributed to the out door poor from 1st april 1813 to 1st apl 1814 specifying the number of families supplied & the number of persons of which said families consist viz White families 1975 Black 897. Number of persons of which said families consist...	12592

Amount of Donations distributed by the Superintendant

Cash	$1893.89
708 Barls Flour @ $6.50.....	4602.00
Baking Do	1165.00

1398 Lds Wood @ 20s	$3495.00
Carting & Distributg Do	540.72
7200 Bushels Potatoes @ 3./6	2850.00
62 Barls Pork @ $20	1240.00
18½ Beef $16	296.00
Transporting paupers	144.12
Cloathing to out door poor	120.00
Hospital acct for supporting Maniacs during last 12 months	4680.00
Alderm & Assts Accounts	514.56
	$21541.29

[185] Wards in which Cash and wood were distributed

In the	1st	Ward	12½	Loads	Wood	$74.77	Cash
"	2	"	15	"	"	47.75	
"	3	"	39½	"	"	16.00	
"	4	"	91	"	"	134.25	
"	5	"	191	"	"	175.00	
"	6	"	24	"	"	304.00	
"	7	"	515½	"	"	654.00	
"	8th	"	39½	"	"	62.00	
"	9th	"	4	"	"	10.75	
"	10th	"	240	"	"	415.37	
			1398			$1893.89	

Cash distributed by the Alderm & Assistants of their respective Wards & repaid to them by the Supdt Alms House

Wards	Alderm		Assistants		
1st	Mesier	$00.00	Mr Nitchie	$00.00	$00.00
2d	Mapes	34.93	Bracket	00.00	34.93
3d	Dickenson	00.00	Lawrence	00	00
4th	McCartee	41.00	King	00	41.00
5	Smith	57.32	Tucker	30.75	88.07
6	Lawrence	00.00	Cannon	00	00
7	Buckmaster	55.56	Mann	00	55.56
8t	Wendover	48.97	Burtis	52.17	101.14
9th	Fish	11.66	Hardenbrook	8.50	20.16
10	Munson	00.00	Brown		173.70
					$514.56

(Signed) Richard Furman Supdt

[186] Resolved that the Assistant Street Commissioners be under the direction of the St Commissioner and obey such orders as he shall from time to time give to them

Resolved that the Assistant St Commissioners be directed to attend to the observance of the ordinance respecting the riding of lime, and also respecting the depositing of lime in the Streets.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be authorized to cause the common Sewer at the foot of Roosevelt Street to be repaired

Resolved that the Clerk of the Comn Council give notice to the Contractors for Street manure, that the Comn Council consider the said Contractors as bound to sweep and keep clean the side walks and Streets around the public Grounds of the Battery, Bowling green & Government House and also those Streets occupied as stands for Hackney Carriages.

[187] The Comptroller reported

Accounts audited and paid since the last meeting of the Board

Hays & Bogert	Watch	694.75
Farrington & White	"	621.25
Holden & Lawrence	"	474.25
Hedden & Angevine	"	339.50
M Fourtz on acct Mayty Seal (orr Bd)		100.00
		$2229.75

Which were agreed to

Balance in the Treasury $170.15.89

Whereupon warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

The Inspectors & Clerks of late Genl Elecn	400.00
G Thresher for exn Freedom of City Comsr Perry	35.50
J Morton for payg Indexg minutes 6 & 26 vol	135.00
R Graves 1 Qr Salry Ast St Comsr to 1 May	192.50
B Hicks 1 Mo " " City Inspr " do	60.00
M Ackerman Keeper Potters field 1 Mo do	46.50
P R Sprainger in full as Ast St Comsr do	36.00
S McCormick park keeper 1 Mo do	30.00
J Bloodgood Coroner from Jany to do	330.89
Eastburn Kirk & Co Stationary Comsr & St Comsr office	32.37
N Philips 1 Yrs Subn National advocate to 5 Apl	75.00
[188] J McComb St Comsr award openg Leonard St to persons unknown to be paid in Supreme Court	650.00
J McComb St Comsr for sundry assessments &c	87.00
T & G Lovett 2d instlmt regulating Division St	348.75
A Stagg acct paving Grand St	300.00
G Jacobs award damages opening Leonard St	750.00
U Freeman City Surveyor, for surveys, profiles for Streets &c &c by order St Comsr	345.33
S Nichols repairi'g lamps 6 Mo ending 13 apl	143.12
H Brush repairs to pumps &	22.00
M Reid 1st Instlmt well pump Essex St	101.15
M Banks Iron work pumps 7 & 10th Wds	66.39

Wm Stratton cleaning wells	15.87
J Richardson Do	15.68
D Stilwell repairs to pumps from Febr to May	70.37
A B Holmes St Inspr 13 days in full to Do	26.00
S Green 1 Mo Do to Do	60.00
C E Duncan Do do to Do	60.00
Anderson & Bailey 2d Instlmt builds Pier & Bulkhd Brooklyn	1582.00
J Gildersleeve Do filling up Slips at Brooklyn	157.50
E Dunscomb for his Hamilton Square lot (by ordr Bd)	676.70
R Varrick to pay for his Bond due 1 May	2940.00
R Furman Supdt Alms House & Bridewell	5000.00
G Buckmaster to pay expences mud machine full	307.22
J O Hoffman for gold Box Comr Perry—Ballc	237.00
	15315.74
Balance in Treasury	$2700.15

[189] In Common Council May 9th 1814

present The Honl De Witt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Peter Mesier		John Nitchie
Jonas Mapes		Joseph W Brackett
Charles Dickenson		Augustine H Lawrence
Peter McCartee		Elisha W King
Thomas R Smith	Aldermen	Mott Cannon — Assistants
Jonathan Lawrence		Asa Mann
George Buckmaster		Arthur Burtis
Peter H Wendover		Wm A Hardenbrook
Nicholas Fish		Noah Brown
Reuben Munson		

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

His Honor the Mayor presented an extract of a law passed at the last Session of the Legislature authorizing the Common Council to cause the Room in the City Hall set apart for the use of the Governor to be suitably furnished and appropriating [190] therefor a sum not exceeding one thousand Dollars It was thereupon moved that a sum not exceeding one thousand Dollars be added by the Corporation for the above purpose—The question being taken thereon and a Division having been called it was carried in the affirmative as follows

Affirmative 15

Aldern Mesier—Mapes—Dickenson — Smith — Jonn Lawrence — Buckmaster—Fish—Munson—Messrs Lawrence—Cannon — Mann — Burtis—Hardenbrook Brown.

Negative 4

Alder[n] M[c]Cartee—Mess[rs] Nitchie—Bracket—King

It was thereupon refered to the Committee appointed for furnishing the Rooms of the City Hall to carry the above into effect.

A Copy of the Act passed april 15[th] 1814 at the last Session of the Legislature entitled "An Act for taking a Census of the Electors and Inhabitants of this State" was transmitted by the Clerk of the City—Whereupon Resolved that it be refered to a Committee to select and appoint suitable persons to make the Census agreably to the form prescribed in said act and to cause the same to be carried into effect Com[tee] Alder[n] Mapes Lawrence King

[191] A Letter from Frederick John Jacobson guardian of Johan Henrick Grevenkop of Altona, stating a demand for a sum of money due said Grevenkop from J L Steinback of New York and praying the aid of the Corporation in recovering the same was read and refered to the Council of the Board

A Petition of Thomas Whymbs praying remission of a fine recovered against him under the law regulating Pawn Brokers—and also that a further suit commenced against him may be staid—together, with accompanying Affidavits were read and Resolved that the prayer for remission of the fine be not granted But that the residue of the petition be refered to the Council with authority to stay all further proceedings

A Petition of Christian Bergh was read stating that several years since he presented a petition praying for a grant of the land under water in front of his ground on the East side of Gouverneurs Slip that supposing the grant had passed, Petitioner under the direction of a Member of the Common Council and one of the Committee to whom the [192] Petition was refered, proceeded to sink a Bulkhead, that he is since informed no grant has yet issued and praying that a grant may be issued to him

Ordered to be refered to the Alder[n] & Assistant of 4[th] & Assistant of 7[th] Ward.

A Petition from sundry owners of Lots in Bridge Street praying that the same may be widened at the East end of said Street was read and refered to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of James Homer Maxwell praying that Lots N[o] 8 & 9 at Williamsburgh may be leased to him for the purposes of the Ferry established from the foot of Delancy St to that place, was read and refered to the Ferry Committee

A Memorial of a number of Inhabitants of Vesey Street praying that auctioneers may be restrained from selling goods at auction in front of their auction Rooms in the said Street was read and refered to Mr King Aldern Smith Mr Cannon

A Petition from several persons praying [193] that a Ferry may be established at Walnut Street Slip and that Walnut Street may be regulated and paved—was read and refered to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of John Waldron, for a Butchers license and to sell meat at Haerlem, was read and refered to the market Committee

A Petition of Jacob S. Arden to be appointed one of the Physicians of the Alms House &c was read and refered to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

A Petition of Patrick Mc Kay lessee of Lot No 13 Duane Street belonging to the Corporation, praying to be permitted to erect a wooden building on said Lot instead of Brick or that the Corporation would purchase the lease from him was read and refered to the Comptroller

A further petition from Izabella Moore praying remission of a fine recovered against her under the law regulating Pawnbrokers—together with a certificate in her favor from the Magistrate before whom the cause was taken & [194] sundry other testimonials in her behalf were read and the prayer of the petition granted

The following persons were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

F E Compy No 8

John K Leaycraft, Inspr leather, Hester & Elizabeth St, 6 Wd, vice Wm Janeway resd

F E Compy No 10

Chas Bird, Butcher, Bowery Road, 9t Wd, vice John Andres resd

F E Compy No 14

Anthony Villard Confectioner, 222 Greenwich St 3d Wd vice Danl Duryee Do

F E Compy No 21

John Clarke, Clerk 168 William St 2d Wd vice Lewis Judson Do

F E Compy No 29.

Jeremiah Pangburn, Mason, Washington St 8th Wd vice Peter Smith Do

Floating Engine

Augus^{t} Douglass mercht 105 Cherry S^{t} 4th W^{d}
vice Walter Titus res^{d}

Mathew Daniel J^{r} block maker Front S^{t} 4th W^{d}
vice Tho^{s} Collins D^{o}

And upon the recommendation of the Committee on the fire Department four Members were added to F E Comp^{y} N^{o} 4 and the following were appointed to said Company

William Richardson Mercht, c^{r} W^{m} & Fair S^{t} 2^{d} W^{d}
William Tilton Builder 49 Frankfort St 4th W^{d}
James Van Benschotten Taylor 4 Courtlandt St 3^{d} W^{d}
Stephen B Cleveland Accountant 228 Pearl S^{t} Ward

The Council presented to the Board the following [195] Petitions to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners in the following cases agreably to Resolutions of the Common Council Viz for opening and extending Hudson Street for effecting an improvement in Fair Street for removing the Block of Buildings at the intersection of Pearl & Stone Sts and for widening Pearl Street between Chatham & Augustus Street which were directed to be duly authenticated

The Ferry Committee on the memorial of the New York & Jersey Steam Boat Ferry Company reported That by the Statute passed at the last Session of the Legislature incorporating the said Company, this Corporation is authorized to regulate the lying and mooring of vessels in the Hudson River so as to prevent the same from interfering with the Ferry boats, and your Committee being of opinion, that the exercise of that power is now become necessary have prepared an ordinance for that purpose which they herewith present

The same statute likewise gives power to the ferry company to erect a wooden building for a ferry house, at the foot of Courtlandt Street with the consent and under the direction of this [196] Corporation. It must be obvious that a house of this description is necessary for public accomodation, and as the place where it is contemplated to erect it, is remote from any other building no danger can be apprehended on account of fire. It is therefore recommended that consent be given for that purpose: and that a Committee be appointed to locate the place, and determine upon a plan of building such house

Your Committee further report that by the lease of the said Ferry, it is provided that in case the lessees should become incorporated within the term this Corporation would enter into a new contract of similar import, with such incorporated company, and exonerate the

lessees, and however improvident this clause may seem, still in the opinion of your Committee, the Common Council are bound to comply with it

all which is respectfully submitted

(Sig[d]) E W King
A H Lawrence
J Mapes

Which was approved and the buildings therein mentioned were directed to be built under the direction of the Street Commissioner

The ordinance presented was passed. the [197] subject of a renewal of the contract with said Company was refered to the same Committee & the Council—It was also refered to the same Committee to take into consideration the *property* [propriety] of extending to the East River a similar regulation with respect to vessels in the Stream opposite to the ferries

The Market Committee on the petition for removal of the exchange Market reported

That from the scanty supply of meats Fish and vegetables which is invariably found in that market and from its being situated so far on the south west end of the Town, and especially from the circumstance of almost all the freeholders and those who are in the neighbourhood of the Market being Petitioners for the removal thereof your Committee are of opinion that said market is useless. It moreover appears to your Committee that nearly two thirds of said market, from being unoccupied by either Butchers Fishmen or Green Grocers is generally made a deposit for coarse merchandize and lumber to the annoyance of the Stores and Merchants situate around said market, and that frequently to this grievance is superadded nightly deposits of filth and other [198] difficulties

Your Committee therefore from these considerations, and especially as they have it fully in their power to accomodate the Butchers and others who may be displaced with suitable stands in the upper Fly Market do recommend that the said Market be removed, and that some proper Committee be directed to see that this recommendation be as soon as convenient carried into operation

(Signed) Peter Mesier
A H Lawrence
Peter M[c]Cartee
Peter H Wendover
Mott Cannon

Which was approved and the removal of the Market was ordered to be done under the direction of said Committee

The Comptroller to whom was refered the subject of the Hay scales reported That it appears that the Hay Scales at the foot of Duane St was leased for one year from Jan^{y} 1^{s} 1810 to George Walgrove at the rate of $200 p^{r} annum that at White Hall for the same to Garret Walgrove, since the expiration of the lease the Mess^{rs} Walgrove have continued to hold [199] them on the former terms, without any specific contract

The Hay scales in Georges Slip were at the same time leased to M^{r} John Dennison at the rate of $200 p^{r} annum it appears however that the Lessee memorialized the Board soon after complaining that the rent was too great as the revenue derived from his bore no comparison with the others and he therefore prayed a deduction. The Petition was refered to a Committee and the collection of the rent suspended until a report was made and the rent finally adjusted—no report having been made of course no rent has been as yet collected.

The Comptroller is not in poss[ess]ion of any data to authorise him to say that the present rent for the two first is not equable and just but is of opinion that the latter being in an improving part of the City, ought to be subject to a reasonable rent.

respectfully submitted

(Signed) Tho^{s} R Mercein Comp^{r}

Whereupon it was refered to the Comptroller to contract for leasing of said Scales and report the names of the persons he shall contract with to the Board

[200] The Street Commissioner agreably to order presented the following list of Delinquents on assessments

List of Delinquent Persons & property

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The Street Commissioner on the Petition for repaving Murray Street reported. That Murray Street between Washington Street & the River is much too low, and if a gutter was laid along that part of the Street it would not remedy the evil, as the block between Murray, and Warren Street is so low that it now receives the wash of Murray & Warren Sts, which renders it quite a nuisance

[201] He therefore begs leave to recommend that the pavement in Murray Street be raised and paved from the Easterly side of Greenwich St, to the Bulk Head so as to correspond with the new pavement in Washington Street, this will then be a permanent regulation and will afford a descent sufficient to convey the water over West Street

He also recommends that Washington Street, between Murray St & Robinson St be raised and repaved so as to agree with the proper regulation of that Street the Lots in those Blocks may then be raised so as to carry off the water properly

respectfully submitted

(Signed) John M^cComb J^r S^t Com^sr

Which was approved and ordinances were directed to be reported accordingly

The Street Commissioner presented a report on the subject of repaving Liberty Street the consideration of which was postponed

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for a Well and Pump in Essex Street and for regulating and paving Van Dam St from Hudson to Varrick St which [202] were confirmed and Noah Jarvis app^d Collector in each

The Alderman & Assistant of the 6^th Ward and the Street Commissioner reported that there are a number of sunken Lots in the neighbourhood of the Collect, especially in the Block bounded by Collect, Leonard, Orange Cross & Anthony Streets which are covered with filth and stagnant water, which is at present in a very offensive state, and in a short time must prove highly injurious to the health of those residing in that vicinity.

They therefore recommend that ordinances be passed to compel the proprietors forthwith to fill up those sunken Lots, so as to carry the water into the adjoining Streets

respectfully submitted

(Sig^d) Jon^n Lawrence
Mott Cannon
John M^cComb J^r St Com^sr

Which was approved and ordinances directed to be reported.

The Chief Engineer and Fire Wardens on the remonstrance against the Furnace of Joshua Barker reported that they have carefully examined the greivance complained of and are [203] well satisfied that the neighbourhood is in danger therefrom, but Joshua Barker is endeavouring and appears disposed to remedy the evil as much as is in his power but so long as he is obliged to make use of wood in his furnace it must always be attended with danger

(Sig[d]) Tho[s] Franklin Chf[n] Eng[r]
John P Groshon Fire War[n]
H Ludlum "

which was refered to the Council

Resolved that it be refered to the Committee on laws and ordinances to report by ordinance or otherwise what provisions are necessary to be adopted to restrain the practice of using false weights measures and beams and also to enquire into the expediency of appointing an Inspector of butter and lard

Resolved that John Higham be and is hereby appointed Fence Viewer in the 9[th] Ward in place of Samuel Wheat resigned

Resolved that one hundred Dollars per annum be added to the present Salary of the Assistant [204] Clerk of the police office

Alder[n] Smith moved that Cornelius Creggier be appointed Fire Warden of 5[th] Ward in place of Tho[s] Harvey removed from the ward —the consideration thereof was on motion postponed until the Committee on the Fire Department make the report on that subject which was refer[d] to them

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of Mess[rs] Bailey and Anderson was called up and after some discussion, was made the order of the day at next meeting.

The City Inspector presented to the Board sundry ordinances fo[r] correction of nuisances existing on the premises of the following persons to wit

Stephen Whitney	C[r] Pearl & White Hall Sts
John Robertson, Adam Bagh	N[o] 187 Duane S[t]
Stephen N Bayard	Lot N[o] 1031 Bayards East Farm
Catharine Boudinot	" 1032 " "
William Bayard	" 1033 " "
Tho[s] & John Gardner	" 1034 " "
President & Directors of the Manhattan Comp[y]	Laurens S[t]
Nathan M[c]Vickar	Wooster S[t]

[205] John D Bird	Lot cr Washington & Liberty
Anthony Lamb	" in Columbia St
Benjamin Ferris	" " Greenwich "

A very great nuisance exists on the Lot next to the South East corner of Chapple in Reed St of which the neighbours have complained, the same has been examined by Dr Hicks but no owner can be found—the House is occupied by a woman whose Husband is a Soldier and is at present absent from the City it requires to be remedied immediately

Abraham S Hallett Charles Clarke Jane Shambergh	Lot No 38 Bancker St
Benjamin Pell Timothy Woods	No 10 Pelham St
Benjn Pell James Cleland	243 Cherry St
Charles Gillman Isaac Gillman	1025 Bayards E Farm Prince St

The ordinances were passed and he was directed to abate the nuisance

Resolved that the Clerk of the Common Council cause to be republished for one week in every month till October next inclusive & commencing immediately in the papers employed by the Corporation the late ordinance prohibiting [206] the firing of Guns &c within certain limits—and state that the same will be vigorously enforced

Information having been given by the Comptroller that under the late law of the United States for raising and laying a tax the assessors under said law has assessed the property owned by the Corporation. Whereupon Resolved that the Comptroller present to the principal Assessor of the District a remonstrance against such assessment

The Commissioners of the Alms House to whom had been refered the Memorial of Dr Smith reported

That they have taken the subject of the application into consideration and are of opinion that the facts set forth in Dr Smith's applica[tion] are true and that from the encreased number and consequently the greater number of sick whereby his duty has been augmented entitles him in their opinion to an encrease of salary

respectfully submitted

(Sigd) Richard Furman
J. J Westervelt

Whereupon Resolved that the sum of three hundred Dollars per annum be added to the Salary of the Physician and surgeon of the Alms House and Bridewell.

[207] The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	$18902.54
Warrants not presented	4310.51
	$14592.03

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Hays & Bogert Watch	694.75
Farrington & White Do	621.25
Hedden & Angevine Do	339.50
Holden & Lawrence Do	474.25
DeWitt Clinton Mayor 1 Qr to 12th Inst	1750.00
J Burjeau to pay Marshals late Election	210.00
J Luffborow regulas Clock Rutgers St 6 Mo	33.33
A Woodward Asst City Inspr 1 Mo Salry	62.50
J J Astor rent Engs House Spring St	30.00
J Vredenburgh " " 54 Bowy lane	59.17
J Murray award damags opens Leonard St	401.00
St Comsr for J McCarty " " " " "	75.00
Geo Lorrilard award " " " " "	130.00
C Mooney balc pavg Gouverneur St	124.08
Wm Castle repairing pumps 2d & 3d Wds	83.90
H Brush " "	38.00
G Youle stoves & work to pumps Divn & Suffolk St	93.06
R Furman New Alms House	5000.00
Jas Wallace Supdt Reprs	500.00
S Van Antwerp 1st Instmt Inclensh Bond due 25 Sep with Int	362.54
	$11082.33
Balance	$3509.70

[208] In Common Council May 16 1814

present The Hon[l] DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq[r] Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	John Nitchie
Jonas Mapes	Joseph W Brackett
Peter McCartee	Elisha W King
Thomas R Smith	Gideon Tucker
George Buckmaster	Asa Mann
Peter H Wendover	Arthur Burtis
Nicholas Fish	Wm A Hardenbrook
Reuben Munson	Mott Cannon
	Noah Brown

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Presentment from the Grand Jury was read, presenting as nuisances the Drain or Sewer in Leonard and Chapple St. a collection of stagnent waters in Cross St and a collection of stagnent waters in Cross near the Collect which was refered to the Street Commissioner

A Complaint was presented against John [209] Farrington Captain of the City Watch stating that he had put a female in the Dungeon of the Watch House and that she had been permitted to remain there during that night and the whole of the succeeding day without any sustenance—which was refered to the watch Committee

A further petition of the Inhabitants of Manhattanville complaining of the shutting up of a Road by Mr Mullinor was read and refered to the Committee on Surveys.

A Petition for a Pump in Hester near Orange Street was read and refered to the Alder[n] & Assistant of the ward and St Commissioner

A petition for the establishment of a Fire Engine Company at the cross roads near the U. S. Arsenal was read and refered to the Committee on the Fire Department

The following persons were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

No 23.

Alexis Proal, Mercht, 291 Bd Way, 5t Wd, vice Joseph Spencer, resd

No 27.

Joseph Brundridge, Cartman, Cr Spring & Hudson, 8th Wd, vice Hy Riker resd

[210] N° 27 continued

David Moore, Stone Cutter, Anthony St, 5 W^d
vice Ja^s Murray res^d

Joseph Moore Cartman, Desbrosses St, 5 W^d
vice Stephen Lounsburry D°

N° 36

Levi Shute, Cartman, Spring St 8^th W^d vice A J Westervelt deceas^d

The Clerk of the Common Council reported that agreably to the orders of the Board he advertized in the public papers employed by the Board for all persons holding employment under the Common Council to report their names and places of residence on or before the first Ins^t—a list of those who reported themselves he has the honor to present herewith of those offices of which the incumbents are not limited in number by the Common Council there have been the following number reported

Measurers of grain &c	55
D° " Coal	5
D° " lime	5
D° & Inspectors of lumber	11
D° of Wood	13
D° of Manure	3
City weighers	18
D° of Hay	2
D° Guagers	3

respectfully submitted
(Sig^d) J Morton

Which was refer^d to the Committee on laws &c

[211] A Remonstrance against the order lately made directing the removal of the Exchange Market was read and Resolved that Petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition

A Memorial of the New York Society Library praying to be accomodated with Rooms for the purposes of their Institution in one of the public Buildings was read and refered to the Committee on the petition of sundry Literary Societies—viz Alder^n Mesier. Buckmaster Fish—Wendover and M^r Lawrence

A complaint of sundry Watchmen against Asa Holden Captain of Watch of 1^st District was read & refered to the Watch Committee

A Petition of James Magee to erect a vault in the Street opposite N° 19 Liberty St was granted under the usual conditions

A Petition of David M C Mills to obtain a lease for two years of

the four Hay Scales and offering a rent of $1150 per annum was read and refered to the Comptroller

A Memorial from sundry Inhabitants praying [212] that the Common Council will direct piers to be run out at the end of Partition and Vesey Streets was refered to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips

A Petition of Gilliam Cornell collector of the 2d Ward for an extension of time for collecting in the Tax, was read and, Resolved Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A Petition of James Abeel stating that he purchased at auction the Lease of a Lot in the common lands—that as no Road has been laid out to it he has never been able to improve it—that he has been sued for the rent due and praying relief—Ordered to be refered to the Alderm & assistant of the 9th Ward

The Comptroller reported a Bond for Six hundred and ninety 1%100 Dollars to Robert McMenomy for Lot No 26 Hamilton Square, which was directed to be duly executed

The Commissioners of the Alms House on the Petition of Dr Jacob Arden reported

That the Institutions mentioned in petition are regularly and properly attended to by the Physician at present attached to them, and [213] that in their opinion neither the public interest or welfare of the sick require an additional appointment

respectfully submitted

(Signed) Richard Furman
J J Westervelt
John Bogert

Which was approved.

The Street Commissioner Reported that in the Year 1804 an assessment was made for the expense of building a bulkhead across Vesey Street Slip, and that a return of delinquents was in due time made by James Hopson the Collector—but that for some cause the monies have not been collected and considerable sums remain due he would therefore recommend that a warrant be granted to Noah Jarvis to enable him to collect the monies due on the said assessment

all which is respectfully submitd

(Sigd) John McComb Jr St Comsr

Which was approved and a warrant was directed to issue to Noah Jarvis to collect the same

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for paving Murray Street from Greenwich [214] Street to the Bulkhead and the part of Washington Street connected with it—which was passed and Wm Stillwell—Lemuel Skidmore & Ezekiel Bishop were appointed assessors

The City Inspector presented to the board sundry ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances existing on the premises of the following persons

Israel Lewis—owner Wm Van Nortwick & John Miller occupants No° 63 Pearl St

Bernardus Swartwout owner—Vasques & Muron occupants No° 71 Cedar St

Anson Kimberly Brace & C° Owners—Jane Forbes occupant No° 65 Walker St

Anson Kimberly Brace & Co owners Maria Page occupant No° 63 Walker

Francis Mallaby owner Samuel Benton occupant No° 14 Walker

Robert Welshman owner William Hunter occupant No° 33 Jay St

Tho$ Sipkins Lot N° 14 Warren St —Geo Ireland Lot N° 14-16 Jay

Daniel Spader " Mulberry St —Isaac Varrian " Spring

Wm Kline & Wm Merserve " Elizabeth St —Andrew Dooley " N° 59 Duane

Anna Bancker 66 Market St —Jn° Morgan " Orange

Geo Jacobs & Geo Lorrilard. Leonard St —Bernard Hart Leonard

Ja$ Cahoon Leonard St —Edmund Kirby D°

John R Livingston Little Water St

Which were severally passed

[215] Resolved that the Committee on laws be requested to report an ordinance limiting the number of persons to be appointed to the several offices holden under the authority of the Corporation.

Resolved that the Council report an ordinance to prevent the obstructions to the ditches in the highways within the City & County

Resolved that the Petition of Beekman M Van Buren late Commissioner of Excise, formerly presented be refered to the Finance Committee

Agreably to a Resolution of the last Meeting the Report of the Committee on the petition of Messrs Bailey & Anderson was called up and the Report being read was as follows

The Committee to whom was refered the further petition of Bailey and Anderson in relation to their Lots corner of Chamber and Chatham Street respectfully report that in their opinion neither of the propositions contained in said petition ought to be embraced by the Corporation, that those made in their former report, they still consider just and correct—but for the purposes of peace and settling the affair [216] amicably they recommend some sacrifice to be made by the Board for the attainment of those objects. They therefore solely for these reasons recommend the adoption of the following Resolution, and in case the petitioners refuse to settle on the principles contained in it that a suit be instituted by the Counsel of the Board for the purpose of trying the questions between the parties in a legal way.

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorized to settle the controversy between the Corporation and Bailey & Anderson in relation to two lots of ground leased by them from the Corporation and now fronting on Chamber & Chatham Sts by receiving from them the sum of four hundred Dollars as in full of the Back rent due since part of their lots were taken to extend Chamber Street; charging the rent on the residue of the Lots for the residue of the lease commencing on the first august last at two hundred fifty Dollars per annum and paying them the difference between the verdict of the jury and the assessment of the Assessors with interest on said difference from the time when the assessment was confirmed

respectfully submitted

20th Septr 1813 (Sigd)

J Nitchie
Wm J Waldron
Augusn H Lawrence

[217] after some discussion a motion was made to amend the report by reducing the rent to be paid to one hundred and fifty six dollars which was negatived, the question was then taken upon the report of the Committee & agreed to

The Comptroller reported

Cash in the Treasury	$20107.06
Warrants not presented	1126.00
	$18981.06

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Robert Dodge repairs lamps 6 Mo. ending 11 Inst	300.75
E Jennings Supdt lamps to 11th	557.60
T & G Lovett for builds Ferry Stairs Beekman Slip as pr Cont	390.00
John Gildersleeve 3d Instlmt filling slip at Brooklyn	157.50
Chas Mooney acct pavs Vandam St	100.00
Jas Wallace balc due him on Ferry St	268.28
Richd Furman Supdt alms House & Bridewell	5000.00
J Hardcastle for printing 1 Qr to 1st May	70.50
	$6844.63
Balance	$12136.43

[218] In Common Council May 30th 1814

present The Honl DeWitt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	John Nitchie	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Joseph Warren Brackett	
Charles Dickenson		Augustine H Lawrence	
Peter McCartee		Gideon Tucker	
Thomas R Smith		Mott Cannon	
George Buckmaster		Asa Mann	
Peter H Wendover		Arthur Burtis	
Nicholas Fish		Wm A Hardenbrook	
Reuben Munson		Noah Brown	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved

A Petition for a Well in Lumber St and for one in the vicinity of Grand & Orchard St were refered to the Aldermen & Assistant of the respective Wards & Street Commissioner

A Petition for widening Duane St from Broad way to Hudson Street was read and refered to the Street Committee and the Street Commissioner

[219) A Petition for paving and regulating a part of Wall Street opposite the late site of the old City Hall was refered to the Street Commissioner with directions to cause it to be done forthwith

A Petition for paving Broadway from Canal Street to Art Street was refered to the Alderm & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition for regulating and paving Hudson Street between Spring & Charlton St a Petition for regulating & paving Lumber St

and a Petition that a space of about 50 feet between Watts & Dessbrosses St should be docked out, were read & refered to the S^{t} Com^{rs}

A Petition from Stephen Gould stating that he expected he might want to make an arrangement for the disposal of his lease corner of Wall and Broad Street and praying permission to assign the same was read and ordered that petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A Petition from a number of Inhabitants that a small Market constructed of Brick might be [220] erected in Broad Street in place of the Exchange Market ordered to be removed was read and refered to Alder^{n} Mapes Smith Dickenson

A Petition of James Walsh to erect a Vault in Warren Street opposite N^{o} 49 was granted under the usual terms and restrictions

A Petition of Andrew Doolie praying suspension of an ordinance directing him to fill in a certain Lot, was refered to the Alder^{n} & Assistant of the 5th Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition of John Van Wart stating he had lost a leg while in the employ of the Corporation & praying a Tavern License, gratis was read and granted.

A Letter was received from Robert Bogardus Esq^{r} stating that he was concerned in a suit of Charles Smith Lessee of public Slips against James Dunlap for Wharfage of a Pier built by the Corporation and soliciting the aid of the Council of the Corporation and the production of such vouchers as may be necessary—Whereupon [221] the Council was requested to confer with M^{r} Bogardus on the subject and that such public documents as were proper & necessary should be furnished.

A Petition of Thomas Scott was received stating that Richard Moran had contracted with the Corporation for paving Arundle Street, that the same had been fulfilled, but some disagreement arose between the Inspector of Streets & M^{r} Moran respecting the same that prevented the final Settlement—that Petitioner had advanced the money to M^{r} Moran to perform the contract, and he prayed an advance to him on Moran's order & account to the amount of five hundred Dollars—Ordered Petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A Request from Leonard Bleecker Treasurer of the N Y Free School Society for payment of the Annual grants of the Legislature to said Institution was refered to the Comptroller with authority to issue a warrant for the Sum due

A Memorial of John Stevens was read stating that he was now running from the foot of Vesey Street to Hoboken Boats propelled

by Horses & [222] Mules which promissed to be highly valuable in facilitating the intercourse between N York and the Jersey shore—that Stairs and other accomodations for landing of Horses Carriages &c were necessary, and praying that the same might be constructed—Ordered that the same be refered to the Ferry Committee.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

N° 11

John Willcox, Shoemaker, N° 10 Pearl S^{t}, 1 W^{d},
vice Jacob Bezeau res^{gd}

Uriah Halsey, Carpenter, Bridge St, 1 W^{d},
vice W^{m} Rushforth D°

N° 28

W^{m} Gilmear, Blacksmith, Commerce St, 8th W^{d},
vice Abijah Barker Do

Jeremiah Bennet, Cordwainer, Grand S^{t}, 8 W^{d}, vice John Foot left City

N° 31

James Murray, Mason, N° 6 Lespinard St, 5th W^{d}, vice John Bell res^{gd}

N° 33

Abraham Dunn, Shipwright, Division S^{t}, 7 W^{d}, vice Tho^{s} Beekman expel^{d}

N° 37

James Cocks, Watchmaker, N° 143 Chatham St, 4th W^{d}, vice Geo C Lord left City

The Counsel presented for execution a Deed to the United States for the lands lately purchased on long Island by the Common Council from the Mess^{rs} Denyses and M^{r} Cortelyou—Whereupon the [223] same was ordered to be duly executed

He also presented a lease to Mess^{rs} Marsh & Hathaway for the Flag Staff at the Battery which was directed to be duly executed

The Council stated to the Board That the Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court, to estimate and assess the damages and benefits arising from opening that part of First Avenue which lies between North St and the Northerly side of Tenth Street; the Commissioners appointed to perform the like duties relative to enlarging and improving Murray Street and the Commissioners app^{d} to perform the like duties relative to enlarging & improving Nassau

Street have completed their estimates and assessments respectively, and that the Reports thereof were confirmed by the Court at the late May term of the said Court—The subjoined statement shows the amounts which have been reported by the Commissioners in favor of the parties interested in the lands and premises required for these several improvements, and the Assessments made by the Commissioners upon the property benefitted thereby, and upon the Corporation for the buildings which will be required to be removed; and shows also the times when these [224] Reports were finally confirmed; within four callendar months after which confirmation the sums reported in favor of the parties interested are to be paid by the Common Council

It will be seen by the Common Council that the sums assessed by the Commissioners upon the property benefitted by these several improvements and upon the Common Council for buildings fall short of the amount to be paid to the parties interested in the premises required for the improvements

The balance together with the expenses of the proceedings is to be assessed by assessors to be appointed by the Common Council upon such property in the vicinity of the improvements respectively as may be deemed benefitted and which has not already been assessed by the Commissioners—And as those Commissioners are more competent to make such assessment than persons to whom the whole subject would be new the attorney submits to the Board the propriety of appointing them to be assessors for the said purpose

As it is expedient that the further assessments be made and collected as soon as may be practicable for the purpose of enabling the Corporation to pay the sums awarded for compensation, without advancing out of the Treasury more than [225] the amount assessed for buildings, the Attorney has prepared the necessary ordinances for the appointment of the Assessors and herewith presents the same for execution

respectfully submitted

(Signed) D S Jones

Murray St

Amount of	Damages		$22605.07
Do	benefits to Individuals	10399.90	
Do	assessd on Corporation	3000.	
			13399.90
	Balance to be raised		$9205.17

Report confirmed may 2d 1814

Nassau St

Amount of	Damages		$32300.00
Do	benefits to Individuals	19055.55	
Do	Assessd on Corporation	2800.00	
			21855.55
		balance to be raised	$10444.45

Report confirmed May 13. 1814

First Avenue

Amount of	Damages		$10003.27
Do	benefits to Individuals	5086.11	
Do	Assd on Corporation	2400.00	
			7846.11
		balance to be raised	$2517.16

Report confirmed May 14 1814

Whereupon the ordinances were passed, and the Assessors recommended in the report were appointed

The Committee on the Memorial of Izabella Graham & others reported. That among the various establishments for the relief of the poor none [226A] are better calculated to subserve the real interests of the indigent and at the same time promote the good of the community than those which at the same time that they relieve distress furnish such active employment as to remove those temptations to vice which idleness creates, and those deviations from rectitude which mendicity almost inevitably produces

That the experience of Mankind bears witness to this truth, that activity and employment are essential to the formation, encouragement & maintenance of those habits which form the good man & useful citizen

The Memorialists from their respectible characters & benevolent lives are well calculated to superintend the institution they propose— and the Committee have no doubt but that if duly encouraged it will "deliver the poor that cried, the fatherless and him that had none to help him and that the blessing of him that is ready to perish will come upon it and that it will cause the widows heart to sing for joy."

They therefore propose that the Committee be authorized to hire the rooms over the economical school for the contemplated establishment; they are abundantly accommodating and the rent will not exceed two hundred and fifty Dollars per anm and in order that the Institution may have the [226B] means of supplying the materials for employment the Committee further propose that five hundred Dollars be appropriated for that purpose

The Committee are persuaded that the proposed appropriation will

independently of their intrinsic merit be a real saving to the City it will greatly relieve the pressure upon the public charity & will enable us by indicating & furnishing the means of an honest livelyhood to destroy the pretexts for mendicity & the inducements to idleness

respectfully submitted

(Signed) Nicholas Fish
Reuben Munson
J Nitchie
J Warren Brackett

Which was approved

The Survey Committee to whom was refered the Memorial of the Inhabitants of Manhattanville Reported that on viewing the obstruction complained of across the road leading from Manhattanville to the old Kings Bridge Road your Committee were of opinion that the inconvenience which the neighbourhood were subjected to of going nearly three miles round to their place of worship should if practicable [227] be removed—For this purpose they have made an arrangement with the parties which they hope will be ratified—M[r] Moleanor in consideration of the neighbours paying him Fifty Dollars to make his Fence; has agreed to open & keep open said Road from the line of Mess[rs] Buckley and Lawrence to where it intersects the One hundred twentififth Street as laid down in the Commissioners Map and also, in consideration of the Corporation paying him the further sum of fifty Dollars he has consented to open immediately that part of said 125[th] Street which lies between the above mentioned intersection and the old Kingsbridge Road, for the purpose of avoiding the delay which the legal proceedings would otherwise occasion—And your committee having examined the relative situation of Harlaem and Manhattanville and having attended to the representations of the Inhabitants in that quarter of the Island, beg leave further to report that they are of opinion extensive public accommodation would be afforded if the said 125 Street was opened from the said intersection of the Road leading from Manhattanville to the old Kingsbridge Road and be thence continued to the Third Avenue; and therefore recommend that the Attorney be directed to take immediate [228] measures to open said 125 Street accordingly

respectfully submitted

(Sig[d]) Peter Mesier
Nicholas Fish
Arthur Burtis
J Nitchie

Which was approved and a Warrant was directed to issue for payment of the above Sum on the parties executing such covenants respecting the same as the counsel shall direct

The Committee on the Petition of James Abeel Reported That the lease was granted on the 1st May 1807 for the term of 42 years at an annual rent of 27 Dollars that at the time of sale a Map was exhibited whereby it appeared that the lot was bounded by & fronted on the Albany Avenue & two cross Streets rendering the premises by these means easy of access—that neither of these approaches to the demised Lots have been opened or rendered passable and consequently that no improvement has been made thereon—under these circumstances the committee are of opinion that it would not be just or equitable to exact payment of the stipulated Rent, and therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to surrender [229] his lease and that it be cancelled on his payment of the costs

respectfully submitted

(Sigd) Nicholas Fish
Wm A Hardenbrook

which Report was approved

The Comptroller presented an account of B Skaats which he had audited, by which it appeared that from the 14th July 1813 to 21st May Inst there had been paid to Mr Skaats the sum of $930 8/100 and that he had expended in the purchase of fuel for the corporation $933 9/100 leaving a balance due of $3.1/100 which was directed to be paid

The Comptroller to whom was refered the memorial of Samuel Stilwell reported that the compensation demanded, was reasonable—which was approved and the Comptroller was directed to report a warrant for payment of the same

The Comptroller represented that he has made an arrangement with Mr Alexander Scott to lease him the property at Hell gate lately purchased from Mr McKeag by the Corporation on the following conditions, provided it meets with the approbation of the Board to wit

[230] 15 years from the 1st Inst
for the first 8 years one hundred Dolls per Annm
" " succeeding 7 years one hundred twenty five Do
Scott to put the House in repair and keep it so during the lease—It will be recollected that the cost of this property was 2000 Dollars and the only inducement to purchase the same was to possess a right to both sides of the River for the better accomodation of the Ferry, as

the House and ground are in a very bad situation a rent sufficient to cover the Interest of the money was deemed sufficient

respectfully submitted

(Sig^{d}) Tho^{s} R Mercein

Which was approved

The Comptroller presented a Report on the subject of leasing the Hay Scales—at the same time a Petition from Nicholas Lawrence praying to lease from the Corporation the Hay Scales at the North River and offering therefor a rent of Fve hundred Dollars per annum—was read

A Report of the Comptroller on the petition of David C Mills stating that previous to the reference to him he had made provisional agreements with others and therefore considered himself precluded from considering the offer of Petitioner [231] was also read—The Board took into consideration the Report of the Comptroller and after several amendments the same was agreed to as follows

Report

In conformity with the resolution of the Hon^{l} the Common Council passed at their last Meeting the Comptroller reports, That after a due investigation of the relative value of the different Hay Scales, he has made a provisional contract with the persons hereinafter mentioned on the annexed conditions

Garret Walgrove for the one at the Battery for two years at the rate of $250 per ann from 1^{s} May Inst

William Harrison the stand at Duane St for 2 years at the rate of $500 per ann^{m} from 1st May Ins^{t}

Samuel Marvin that in the 7th W^{d} for 2 years at the rate of $40 p^{r} ann^{m} from 1st May Inst to be paid quarterly and on failure to do so for more than 10 days after each quarterly payment is due to forfeit the lease

respectfully submitted

(Sig^{d}) Tho^{s} R Mercein

upon the final question a Division having been called the Members voted as follows

Affirmative 10

Alder^{n} Mesier — Mapes — Dickenson — M^{c}Cartee — Fish Mess^{rs} Nitchie, Brackett—Lawrence—Hardenbrook

Negative 9.

[232] Alder^{n} Smith—Buckmaster—Wendover—Munson Mess^{rs} Tucker—Cannon—Mann—Burtis—Brown

Mr Mann gave notice that he would at the next meeting move for a reconsideration of the same

The Street Commissioner presented an assessment for paving Prince Street from Broadway to the Bowery which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector

The Committee to whom was refered a Resolution of the Board approbatory of the conduct of Messrs Fairlie & Mercein respecting their late mission to Washington Reported That the negociation for procuring from the United States (and from the State of New York) a cession to the Corporation of the grounds in the rear of the Government House, having by a Resolution of the Board been committed to Thomas R Mercein & James Fairlie Esqrs and they having accomplished the same to the satisfaction of the Common Council Resolved that in testimony of the high respect which this Common Council entertain for those Gentlemen, that some suitable acknowledgment on the part of this board [233] be made to them, in the mode that a Committee to be appointed for that purpose shall deem proper not exceeding the amount of two hundred Dollars to each of the said Gentlemen

(Sigd) A H Lawrence
Asa Mann

Which was agreed to

It having been stated that a difference of opinion existed between the Chamberlain and the several Collectors as to the fees allowed them under the law for collecting the taxes the subject was refered to the Committee on Laws &c and in the interim it was resolved that the Chamberlain delay issuing his warrant. Provided the several Collectors pay into the Treasury the amount due excepting what is claimed as fees and also provided the sureties of the Collector's consent, that such delay shall not affect their liability on their bonds

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of the City Weighers was called up and after some discussion was refered back to the same Committee

The Comptroller presented the following

[234] The Comptroller has the honor to represent that it appears from the Books in his office that the Estate of the late Peter P Van Zandt is indebted to the Corporation in the sum of about $800 which has been accruing since 20th July 1796, on which day it appears that the Board sold to Mr Van Zandt a piece of ground between his property and the Post Road for the sum of $375 subject to a small quit rent which together with the Interest amounts to $842. it is understood

that the deed has never been executed and the only evidence of the sale is a Resolution of the Board of the date above mentioned—as the party has been in possession 18 years already it is requisite that immediate measures be taken to settle the same—It further appears that the Corporation a few years since sold to George Codwise Junr, a small strip of land between Beekman & Burling Slip for $700—which yet remains unsettled, and adjustment of the same is respectfully recommended

The Comptroller further reports that in pursuance of the orders of the Board in November last, he re-entered on the property of Mary Hazen in Chatham Street, which was in arrears for back rent between four & five hundred Dollars—according to the law in [235] that case made & provided the Corporation came into possession of the same the 26th Inst and it is therefore necessary to direct what disposition shall be made of it—An offer has been made to pay the rent due for the buildings thereon, which are now altogether untenantable and to take the lease for the same time and on the same terms as was formerly granted to Mary Hazen—that proposition can be accepted or the lease may be Sold at auction on the usual terms respectfully submitted

(Signed) Thomas R Mercein Compr

Whereupon it was Resolved that he di[r]ect measures to be taken for recovering the sums due from the Estate of Peter P Van Zandt and from Mr Codwise and that he lease at auction under the direction of the Committee of Finance the premises lately leased to Mrs Hazen

Resolved that William Harison and Samuel Marvin be and they are hereby appointed Weighers of Hay

Resolved that the Market Committee to whom was refered on the 9th Inst the petition of John Waldron for a butchers license and to sell meat in the 9th Ward have authority to grant the same [236] if in their opinion proper

The Comptroller Reported

accounts paid since the last Meeting

Farrington & White Watch	621.25
Hays & Bogert Do	694.75
Hedden & Angevine Do	339.50
Holden & Lawrence Do	474.25
B Skaats 1 Qr Keepr City Hall & 2 Assistants	261.45
Chas Mooney Balc Cherry St	180.53
Chas Proctor Lamp oil	168.47
	$2740.20

which was agreed to

He further reported

Cash in the Treasury	$47287.14

Whereupon warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

C Schultz special Justice 1 Qr to 26th Inst	250.00
J Cox Do Do Do	250.00
J Hedden Do Do Do	250.00
B Obleinis chf Clerk Police Office Do	250.00
R Stephens Asst Do Do Do	150.00
J Hays & others for extra services in the police office certifid by Spel Justices to 26 Inst	368.32
T Hazard & 2 assts 1 Qr Salry to 18th Inst	512.50
J Varrick Inspr bread 1 Qr to 18th Inst	95.50
Thos Franklin Chf Engr " "	200.00
R Burchan reports list passengers 6 mo to 1 Int	25.00
[237] B Hicks asst City Inspr Salry to 1st June	62.00
C E Duncan St Inspr " "	62.00
A B Holmes Do " "	62.00
S Green Do " "	62.00
M Ackerman Keeper Potters field "	46.50
J Richardson repairs to pumps &c	23.37
J Fine Do Do	48.18
J Irvin cleaning wells	27.62
A Smith balance for filling Collect Lots	475.59
Richd Moran	500.00
John Sickels Inclenburgh bond due 25 Sepr 1813 & Int	381.56
Richard Furman for New Alms House	10000.00
T & G Lovett materials & labour repairs Public Slips	117.13
Halsey & Anderson 3d Instlmt builds Piers Brooklyn	1582.00
J Bleecker for N Y Free School	1500.00
B Skaats fuel for Watch House & City Hall	700.00
J Morton Index Vol of Minutes	62.50
	$18071.77
Balc	$29215.37

[238] In Common Council June 13th 1814

present The Hon[l] De Witt Clinton Mayor President
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esq[r] Recorder

Peter Mesier	Aldermen	Augustine H Lawrence	Assistants
Jonas Mapes		Gideon Tucker	
Peter McCartee		Mott Cannon	
Thomas R Smith		Asa Mann	
Jonathan Lawrence		Arthur Burtis	
George Buckmaster		Wm A Hardenbrook	
Peter H Wendover		Noah Brown	
Nicholas Fish			
Reuben Munson			

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Letter was received from Saml Cowdrey as attorney for Richard Moran, stating that he had a claim for paving Arundle St which was objected to by the Street Commissioner, & proposing to refer the subject to Arbitration

Resolved that the same be refered to the Street Commissioner

A Remonstrance against the petition for a [239] Pump corner of Grand & Orange St—and a Petition for a Pump corner of Stanton & Attorney St were read & refered to the Alder[n] & Assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner

A Memorial from sundry Inhabitants praying that the prohibition in the lease for the Flag Staff of vending refreshments on sunday, may be taken off—was read & refered to the Battery Com[tee]

A petition of Marsh & Hathaway lessees of the Flag Staff for permission to license stands in the Streets in the vicinity of the Battery & Bowling Green on the 4th July next—was also refered to the same Committee, with authority to grant the same under such regulations as they should judge proper.

A Letter from T Hazard Jun[r] deputy Keeper of the Bridewell was received stating that understanding the law respecting the imprisonment of slaves was repealed, he requested the direction of the Board as to his conduct on further commitment of slaves by the Magistrates for misbehaviour

Ordered that the same be refered to the Committee on police

[240] A Petition of Andrew Smith one of the weighers of the City for permission to appoint a Deputy under him, & a Petition from Patrick Barron to be appointed his Deputy. were read & Resolved that Petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions

A Petition from Henry Fanning, Executor of Frederick Davoust deceas[d] was received stating that he held for said Estate the Lease

for Lot N° 24 at Peck Slip upon which he had erected a Brick Store in expectation of a renewal of the Lease by the Corporation—that it became necessary for the interest of the children of M^r Davoust to dispose of said property and praying an extension of the lease and liberty to transfer the same—Ordered that it be refered to the Comptroller

A Petition in behalf of Catharine Boudinot for an extension until the 1^st august next to fill in a lot N° 1032 Bayards East farm—and a similar application from Anthony Lamb for four Lots in columbia Street until the 1^st of September next were severally read & granted

A Petition from John Baker to be appointed [241] Deputy Clerk of the Collect Market & of Catharine Allison for a Hucsters stand—were refered to the Market Committee

A Petition of John Crouter to be appointed Inspector of fire wood for Greenwich District—of Daniel Fash to be appointed Inspector of North River cask lime—& of Thomas Collins formerly a Fireman to the appointment of some office were severally read & refered to the Committee on applications.

A Request of David Wylie to erect a vault in front of N° 134 Greenwich Street—of Capt^n Richards in front of N° 133 Chamber Street—& of Ab^r Herring in front of N° 356 Broad Way were read & granted on the usual terms.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the 10^th Ward praying that officers may be appointed as heretofore to keep the peace on the sabbath—was read & refered to the Committee on Police

A Petition of Peter Chatterton to be released from a judgment obtained against him for breach of ordinance respecting streets and upon which he was imprisoned was read & refered to the [242] Attorney with authority to release the Judgment

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of Orange Street, Cross, little Water & Leonard Sts praying said Streets may be regulated so that the Water may find a free passage in said Streets—A Remonstrance against raising and paving the lower end of Murray St and a Petition of John Morgan praying that his House in Leonard Street which was directed to be removed might be permitted to remain until said Street was actually regulated—were severally read and refered to the Street Commissioner

A Letter was received from William Cutting stating that the present location & extent of the piers at Brooklyn were not calculated for the safe entrance of the Steam Boats and praying further arrangements—whereupon

Resolved that it be refered to the Ferry Committee with full power to make such further accomodations by sinking other piers—or otherwise at Brooklyn as in their opinion shall be necessary

A Communication was received from Joseph Burjeau first Marshall stating various frauds upon the Revenue by Tavern Keepers Pawn- [243] brokers &c &c which was directed to be refered to the Finance Committee

The following persons were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

N° 33

Benj^{n} M Banks, cartman, Division St 7th W^{d}, vice, Nathaniel Thorn deceas^{d}

N° 40

John Vonck, Butcher, Elizabeth St, 8th W^{d}, vice Daniel M Baker res^{gd}

N° 26

Samuel Miller, Fisherman, Henry St, 8th W^{d}, vice Henry Brown res^{gd}

The Committee on the Fire Department on the Petition for a fire Engine Company to be established near the Arsenal at the Cross Roads reported in favor of the Petition and recommended the following persons to be appointed and attached to Fire Engine N° 38. which was approved

George Wilson—John R Thomas—James Van Zandt John Gillespie —Aaron B Jacson—William Gosman Jacob Horn—John Horn—John Rothgaube Sam^{l} Van Norden—Peter Fisher—J Morgan

The City Inspector reported Drafts of Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances from N°*

[244] The City Inspector Reported—That in consequence of complaints made to him he had caused to be inspected the Lot at the corner of Chamber and Chatham Street relating to which there is a dispute between the Corporation & Mess^{rs} Bailey & Anderson, and reports the same to be in a state of nuisance both as a deposit for filth and dangerous to the Citizens passing and repassing the same during the night

He further reports all the unoccupied Lots of ground in the Block between Chamber and Duane Streets fronting on the East side of Augustus Street as nuisances, having a regular establishment of Hog

* Report not completed.—ED.

Pens, in a filthy state in the cellars of the Houses lately destroyed by fire; they are highly offensive to the neighbourhood & Citizens passing

He therefore recommends the propriety of having them cleansed out, and enclosed in Board fences—The expense thereof to remain a lien on the property, as there is a difficulty in discovering the owners

(Sigd) J Morton City Inspr

Which was agreed to and the nuisance directed to be remedied

The Street Commissioner on the petition for [245] paving Lumber Street reported in favor of paving the same from one hundred feet west of Rector Street, & reported an ordinance for the same which was passed—and Ezekiel Bishop—William Stilwell & Charles Stewart were appointed Assessors

He also upon the petition for paving Hudson Street from Spring to Charlton Street reported an ordinance for the same which was passed and Ezekiel Bishop. William Stilwell & Lemuel Skidmore were appointed assessors

He also reported the following ordinances which were passed: viz for paving part of Wall & Nassau St in which Wm Stilwell—Jacob Tallman & John D Brown were appointed assessors—for a Well & pump in Orange Street between Hester & Grand Street in which Wm Stilwell—Ezekiel Bishop & Charles Stewart were appointed assessors —and for a Well in Lumber Street between Rector & Greenwich St in which Wm Stilwell. Jacob Tallman & John D Brown were appointed assessors

He also presented an Assessment for regulating and paving Charlton Street—& an assessment for repaving Beekman Street—which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each

The Committee to whom was refered the [246] petition of the Weighmasters—Reported that after due consideration they recommend that the law to regulate the fees of weighmasters & Measurers passed 5th april 1812 be so amended as to authorize the weighmasters to demand & receive for all jobs, for which by the rate of fees therein established the amount to be received would not exceed ten Dollars, an additional cent for each hundred weight by them weighed

respectfully submitted

(Sigd) J Mapes
Thos R Smith
Arthur Burtis

Which was approved and the ordinance directed to be amended accordingly

The Comptroller reported. That John A Graham to whom the Corporation loaned $2500 in May 1813 (secured by a mortgage on his property in the 9th Ward) states that he is unable to pay the Interest for the same it therefore remains for the Board to determine what measures shall be adopted in relation thereto

About the same time the Board loaned to Samuel Kip $2250 payable in one year [247] which has expired payment has been demanded but Mr Kip represents his inability to pay at present and requests an extension of time for that purpose.

The Comptroller some time since recommended a settlement with Wm Mooney (who had previously petitioned for relief) the whole subject was refered to a special committee, who had a conference with Mr Mooney and made an arrangement satisfactory to him and the Board—the Basis of which was to secure the payment of the back rent (about $2000) and to pay the same in four annual payments together with the accruing rent, as it became due—neither of which has been complied with altho' six months has elapsed since the arrangement was made—believing a further delay on the part of the Board may be attended with risque he is constrained to recommend the immediate adoption of measures to recover the amount now due

respectfully submitted

(sigd) Thos R Mercein Compr

Which was refered to the attorney with directions to take the legal steps for recovering the sums due

The Market Committee on several petitions to them refered Reported that they have attended [248] to the representations of the Inhabitants in and about Grand Street, and recommend that permission be given them to erect at their own expense a Fish Market under the direction of the Market Committee

Your Committee further report that having experienced considerable difficulty in executing the duties which fall under their superintendance from the defect and insufficiency of the existing Market Law they have undertaken carefully to revise the same, and believing many salutary alterations may be made, have presumed to report the accompanying draft of an ordinance to regulate the public markets, which if adopted will in their opinion so systemise this department as to insure better order and government in future

Your Committee also recommend that stall No 19 Catharine Market be granted to Catharine Smith, widow of George Smith late occupant of said Stall for the usual time & on the usual terms—That Stall No 23 Fly Market be granted to John Abell—That a Stand in

the Corlears Hook Market be granted to Jonathan Winship—That Stall N° 39 in the Fly Market be granted to Benj^{n} Davis—That John Waldron have a license or permit [249] to sell meat at or about the village of Harlaem in the Ninth Ward

respectfully submitted

(Signed) Peter Mesier
Peter M^{c}Cartee
Mott Cannon
P H Wendover
A H Lawrence

Whereupon Resolved, that the Market Committee shall be vested with the general regulation and control of the respective public markets; and that no person other than licensed Butchers, holding stands or Stalls in the public Markets shall occupy any part of the said Markets without hiving first obtained a permit in writing for that purpose from the Market Committee and having the same registered with the deputy Clerk of such Market under the penalty of five Dollars for each offence—Provided however, that nothing in this section contained shall be so construed as to require countrymen resorting to said public Markets to sell their own provisions, to have such permit as aforesaid

It was ordered that the ordinance presented, lay for consideration and that the Clerk of the Common Council cause fifty copies of the same to be published for the use of the Members of the Common Council

[250] The Committee to whom was refered the Report of the Comptroller on the subject of the School fund and the Memorial from a Committee of the different religious denominations

Reported. That they have examined the facts stated therein and find them correct & therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Whereas " the act supplementary to the act for the establishment of common Schools " passed March 12th 1813 requires the Com^{n} Council on or before the 1st day of May in each year to raise by tax a sum equal in amount to the proportion of the Common School money to which City & County is entitled to witt $5024..^{4}1/_{00}$ which has inadvertently been omitted to be done Therefore

Resolved that the sum be borrowed for one Year and that measures be forthwith adopted to raise by tax a sum sufficiently large to cover the same for one year with the Interest in addition to the annual sum required to be raised by the terms of the aforesaid act

Resolved that Matthew Clarkson Devie Bethune, Thomas Carpen-

ter Peter H Wendover & Augustus Wright be Commissioners of School Money for this County to receive & distribute the monies to be received and [251] collected for the same in conformity to the 4th Section of the above mentioned act

Since your Committee had agreed to the above report a Memorial has been presented to the Board by a Committee appointed by the different religious Denominations in this City recommending to the Common Council the appointment of the following Gentlemen as Commissioners for receiving & distributing said School monies

Dr Peter Wilson—Andrew Morris, Rensselaer Havens—Abraham Russell Rosewell Graves Esqrs

Your Committee have therefore thought proper to present the names of the persons selected by them as well as those by the Committee from the different Congregations in order that the Board may have an opportunity to select from both or either as they deem proper —and the Comptroller shall ex officio be one of the Commissioners

(Signed) A H Lawrence
Peter Mesier
Jonathan Lawrence

Which was approved and the Comptroller was authorized under the direction of the finance Committee to borrow the said sum of $5024 41/100 agreably to said report—The Board then proceeded [252] to elect by ballot Commissioners of the School fund when the following persons were chosen. Matthew Clarkson Peter H. Wendover Augustus Wright Francis Cooper and Thomas R Mercein

The Finance Committee on the petition of Beekman M Van Beuren Reported That they have given the subject all the consideration that the hardship of the case to the individual required—and that altho' your Committee sincerely regret the loss to the petitioner still they think it would be highly improper and inexpedient that the Board should ever grant the prayer of the petition, as it would in the opinion of your Committee be setting a very bad precedent and which might be extremely injurious to the Corporation ever to adopt Your Committee therefore from a full conviction of the propriety of the measure, recommend to the Board that the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted and that he have liberty to withdraw the same

(Sigd) A H Lawrence
Jonn Lawrence
Reuben Munson
J Mapes

[253] which was approved

Mr Mann agreably to notice given moved that the Board reconsider their decission at the last Meeting on the subject of leasing the Hay Scales which was agreed to. He then moved that the name of William Harison as lessee for the Scales at the North River be stricken out and the name of Nicholas Lawrence be inserted instead Which was agreed to—He then moved that the name of Samuel Marvin as Lessee for the Hay Scales at Gouverneurs Slip be st[r]icken out and Isaac Valentine Junr inserted

A Memorial was then presented and read from Isaac Valentine praying to be reinstated in said appointment accompanied by an affidavit in which he deposed that he had offered the Comptroller one hundred Dollars for said Hay Scales—A note from the Comptroller was then read denying the statement of Mr Valentine and requesting permission to state the facts as they occurred, which was granted, and he accordingly stated the same—The question was then taken on appointing Mr Valentine and it passed in the negative

Resolved that Noah Jarvis be appointed Collector to collect the sums assessed by the Commissioner [254] of Estimate and Assessment, for benefits for opening First Avenue from North Street to the northerly side of Tenth Street for benefits for enlarging and improving Nassau Street, and for benefits for enlarging and improving Murray Street

Resolved that Aldern Mesier Mapes & Smith be a Committee to make the customary and necessary arrangements for the celebration of the ensuing anniversary of American Independance

The Comptroller Reported

Accounts passed since the last meeting of the Board

Farrington & White Watch	621.25
Holden & Lawrence "	474.25
Hays & Bogert "	694.70
Hedden & Angevine "	339.50
S McCormick Keeper of the Park to 1 June	61.50
	$2191.25

which were agreed to

He further reported

Cash in the Treasury	$34880.81

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to be issued for payment of the following accounts

Manhattan Compy Water for public buildings	100.00
A Woodward Asst City Inspr to 10th June	62.50
P Becannon Inspr Bread to " "	93.80

[255] J A Hardenbrook 2 Boxes Candles	17.30
E Jennings Supdt lamps to 11th Inst	488.75
J Wallace Supdt Reprs 5 mo Salry to 10th Inst	375.00
T & G Lovett acct paving South St	200.00
A Stagg Balc paving Grand St	100.00
J Halsey regulating Magazine St	200.00
C Mooney on acct paving Van Dam St	500.00
T Stewart for paving Intersections Sundry Streets	26.00
J Bailey Do Do Do	120.19
S Ludlum sundry Maps & Surveys orr St Comsr & Compr	182.79
C Oneil & others cleaning Drains in Canal & Chapple	229.22
Do repairs to Pumps	32.18
H Brush Do	52.00
M Banks Do	32.72
M Reid Well & Pumps in Essex St	105.15
C Smyth 1 Qrs Rent Slip Courtlandt St Wharf	75.00
J Gildersleeive 4th & last instalmt fills Slip Brooklyn	157.50
O Waldrom work on Roads from 20th apl to 1 June	275.93
J Hardman Do Do	297.24
P Aymar 1 Qr to 5th June Colcr Corpn	158.00
R Furman New Alms House & Penitentiary	10000.00
J Wallace for repairs	500.00
Lamp Comtee to purchase oil for City lamps	2500.00
J Randall on acct of setting Monuments	500.00
Peter Burtsell stationa[r]y Mayors & City Inpr office	125.88
	17507.15
Balance	$17373.66

[256] In Common Council June 27th 1814

present The Honl De Witt Clinton Mayor president
Josiah Ogden Hoffman Esqr Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	John Nitchie
Jonas Mapes	Joseph Warren Brackett
Charles Dickenson	Augustine H Lawrence
Peter McCartee	Elisha W King
Thomas R Smith	Gideon Tucker
Jonathan Lawrence	Mott Cannon
George Buckmaster	Asa Mann
Peter H Wendover	Arthur Burtis
Nicholas Fish	
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved

A petition of Robert Bach and Alexander S Glass assignees of the estate of Caleb B Bowering praying relief from penalty incurred for not filling a lot agreably to an ordinance, was read & refered to the Attorney of the Board with authority to remit.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants praying [257] that 14th Street may be opened was read & refered to the Aldermen & Assistants of the 8th & 9th Wards

A Petition of Samuel D Ingraham for appointment of Weigher of Hay at Harlaem in place of John Redfield resigned, was read & granted

The Council presented a lease to Peter Martin for Lots in Chatham St heretofore leased to Mary Hazen, which were entered upon for non payment of rent; which lease was directed to be duly executed.

The Council also presented leases to Garrit Wallgrove Nicholas Lawrence & Samuel Marvin for the preveledge of weighing hay at the Hay Scales at White Hall, Duane St & Gouverneurs Slip; which were directed to be duly executed.

A Petition of Samuel Piercy for remission of a fine under the Market law & of John Wade for remission of a fine under the Street law were read and refered to the Attorney with power to remit.

A Petition from Robert Kenah for remission of a fine under the Market law was read and [258] Resolved that petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition

A Petition from Henry Vreeland for appointment of Inspector of wood, was read & refered to the Committee on applications

A Petition of Hannah McCalvey for Hucsters Stand was read & refered to the Market Comtee

A Remonstrance was received from sundry Masters of vessels against the manure Boats being permitted to occupy stations at New Slip and was refered to the Committee on wharves.

A Petition for a pump in Norfolk St near Hester St was read & refered to the Alderman & assistant of the Ward & Street Commissioner

A Petition from Theoron Rudd Clerk of the U S District Court for permission to occupy the Room in the Hall assigned to the Attorney of the Board he having assented to the same was read & the prayer thereof granted

The Comptroller presented five Indentures for commutation of Quit rent on water lot [259] grants previous to 1804 in conformity with a Resolution of the Board for that purpose

Original Grantee	Date	Quit rent	by whom comud	Amt paid
Andrew Breasted	3d Febr 1773.	$6.00.	Andrew Tenyck	$100.00
Edward Nicholl	17 June 1773.	9.85.	Peter B Goelet	164.64
Gerardus Duychinks	6 July 1774.	4.15.	P B Goelet & Isaac Burr	69.34
Peter Goelet	1 July 1773.	6.16.	Heirs of Peter Goelet	102.67
Henry Riker	1 Aug 1737.	3.75.	B & I Strong & W W Fox	62.50
		$29.91		$499.15

(Sigd) Thos R Mercein Compr

which were ordered to be duly executed

A Comptroller presented a communication recommending that measures should be taken to prepare and report a plan for the disposal of the property lately obtained from the U S—which was directed to be refered to the Finance Committee

The City Inspector reported that a nuisance existed in a Lot No 124 Chamber St that the occupants were extreemly indigent and the owner not residing in the City—Ordered that he cause the nuisance to be abated at the expense of the Comn Council and the expenses to remain a lien on the lot

The City Inspector also presented

ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances [260] existing on the premises owned or occupied by the following persons vizt

John Van Allen	No 16 Thomas St
John Wilson Danl Alley	78 & 80 Fair St
Thomas Demarest	Canal St
Ephraim Hart	2 Lots in Little Water St
James Warner	No 20 Cannon St Cannon Fm
John R Murray	No 18 Leonar[d] St
John R Livingston	6 Lots in Broome St
Do Do	Do Essex St
Wm Ogden	No 93 Church St
James Walker & Amos Freeman	No 442 Greenwich St
David Demaray Occpt Joseph Demaray owner	Cr Chapple & Thomas St
John Beatty owner Vincent Carter Occpt	No 19 Lumber St
Anson Kimberly owr	No 65 Walker St
Do Do	" 63 Do "
Wm Moore	Lot Cr Prince & Mercer
David Lyon	2 Lots on Anthony St (No 23 & 24 Collect Lots)
Samuel Gedney	No 13 Collect Lot fronting on Leonard St

which were passed.

The Council presented to the Board for execution an agreement between the Corporation and [261] Samuel Jones Junr, giving him permission to dock out in front of his lands in the vicinity of Bellevue without paying therefor; and also stipulating that his remaining lands shall be free from assessment for opening 28th Street from Second Avenue to the East River, upon his ceding to the Corporation such part of his land as lies within the limits of said 28th Street—which agreement has been drawn in pursuance of instructions received by the Council from the Bellevue Committee
which was approved and the agreement directed to be executed on the part of the Corporation

It was also ordered that the Council take legal measures for causing 28th Street to be opened from the 2d Avenue to the East River

A Letter was received from Matthew Clarkson resigning the appointment of Commissioner of School money, which was accepted and the Board proceeded to Balot for a person in his place when Abraham Russel was elected

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for a well in Stanton Street near Attorney Street which was passed, and William Stillwell—Ezekiel Bishop & Charles Stewart [262] were appointed assessors

He also presented Ordinances for repaving Mulberry—Cross—& Orange Streets, which were refered to the Aldern & Assistant of the 6th Ward with authority

He also presented an assessment for regulating & paving Sullivan Street from Spring to Broome Street—and for regulating and paving Cherry Street—from Rutgers to Montgomery St; which were confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each

The Street Commissioner presented the following Return of Delinquents on sundry assessments in order that warrants may be passed to the Collector vizt
for regulating Mangin St from Grand to Broome Street—for regulating and paving Van Dam St from Hudson to Varrick St—for regulating & paving Grand St from Arundle to Suffolk St for paving Crosby St from Prince to Bleecker St for regulating Walnut St from Water to Grand St

(sigd) John McComb Jr St Comsr

whereupon warrants were ordered to issue for collection of the same

The Street Commissioner to whom was [263] refered the petition of Richard Moran & letter of Saml Cowdrew reported that he has no objections to the mode as proposed—and has named Mr George

Bowman on the part of the Corporation, and submits the nomination to your honorable body for confirmation

respectfully submitted

(Sig^{d}) John M^{c}Comb J^{r} S^{t} Coms^{r}

which was approved & George Bowman appointed Referee on the part of the Common Council

The Committee of Laws & ordinances on the petition of sundry Dealers in second hand furniture clothes &c Reported that the prayer of the Petition ought not in the opinion of the Committee to be granted. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

Resolved that *that* the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition

(Sig^{d}) J Nitchie
Tho^{s} R Smith
J Warren Brackett

which was approved

The Committee on Surveys presented the follow^{g}

The Survey Committee having received several communications from M^{r} John Randell Jun^{r} [264] on the subject of setting monuments Reported

That for the purpose of rendering the plan of the City as reported by the Commissioners more perfect and useful; your former Committee reported on the 14th December 1810 the conditions on which M^{r} John Randell Jun^{r} would contract for measuring the avenues and cross lines and also that he then declined contracting for setting the Monuments, because he possessed no data by which he could estimate the trouble and cost. In pursuance of which report & by direction of the Board that Committee did on the 31st December 1810 make a contract with the said John Randle Jun^{r} for measuring the Avenues & cross lines; and at the same time perceiving, if all the work was performed by one person more accuracy would attend the execution than if several were responsible, and believing him from his acknowledged science & particularly from his experience in relation to this subject better capacitated to accomplish the whole object than any other person could possibly be, they did also persuade him, notwithstanding his objections to include in said contract a covenant for setting the monuments at $1..62½ each. In executing however this branch of the contract it was soon discovered that to derive any advantage from [265] correct measurement, by rendering the mathematical point not liable to be disturbed, the monuments should be set much deeper and more

accurate than was contemplated by said contract. Mr Randell being more ambitious of accuracy than of profit was induced (notwithstanding said contract did not require it) at considerable encrease of trouble and expense to set them one foot deeper, and to fix them at the bottom as correct as the top of the Monument so that the angular point might be preserved as long as a piece of the monument remained He repeatedly represented the trouble and loss which this necessary mode of setting occasioned, notwithstanding every effort further to improve his Instruments, and was encouraged by the Committee to pursue the correct plan he had adopted under a persuasion the Corporation would remunerate him for such extra trouble and cost. For the purpose of demonstrating more satisfactorily the justness and propriety of his complaints he did at a late meeting of your Committee exhibit an estimate of the cost of setting 400 marble monuments which for the satisfaction of the corporation is herewith presented and by which it appears that the expense of preparing the ground, setting, carting, &c is equal to $3.07 for each monument

Your committee therefore giving full faith and credit [266] to the statements and representations of the said John Randell Junr and presuming also that the Corporation will not require his services without an adequate remuneration, Do recommend that in addition to the stipulation in said contract he be allowed the further sum of $1..45 for each Monument thus making the compensation equal to $3..07 the cost per monument as ascertained in the statement refered to

humbly submitted

(Sigd) Peter Mesier
J Nitchie
Nichls Fish
Arthur Burtis

which was approved

The Comptroller on the petition of Henry Fanning Executor of the Estate of Frederick Davoue reported

That it appears that the petitioner is one of the Executors of the last will & testament of F Davoue deceased, who in said will ordered, that each of his children when arrived at the age of 21 years should receive a certain sum of money and further directed the sale of so much of his personal estate as might be requisite for that purpose. The petitioner in order to carry into effect the intentions of the deceased, now solicits permission to [267] sell and assign the lease of the store at Peck Slip, on Corporation ground at the annual rent of $125 for eleven years yet unexpired—presuming that an extension of

the time of the lease, would make the Sale more advantageous to the Heirs, he further solicits the lease may be extended to 21 years

Under these particular circumstances and a full belief that the rent now fixed is fair and liberal—an extension of the lease to 21 Years from may last and permission to assign the same is respectfully recommended

(Sig[d]) Tho[s] R Mercein Comp[r]

which was approved and the lease directed to be made out for the time prayed for, with permission to transfer the same.

The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was refered a petition for extending the Slip between Partition & Vesey Streets presented a report the consideration of which was postponed

The Committee on laws & ordinances to whom it was refered to report by ordinance or otherwise what provisions are necessary to be adopted to restrain the practise of using false weights measures and beams reported That they have given to this important subject the most serious deliberation and the more they have considered [268] it the more are they satisfied that there is no branch of the police of this extensive City, more important and at the same time more neglected, than the enormous frauds which are daily practiced, particularly upon the poorer classes of the Community, by the use of false weights measures and beams

The regulation of them at all times necessary the Committee think to be particularly so at the present time, when every article of living is extravagantly high, when most of the ordinary means of meeting those expenses are so materially curtailed and when to the other difficulties under which the poor man consequently labours in supporting his family, are too often superadded light weight & scanty measure in almost all the necessaries of life

The existing laws afford no competent defence against the frauds of those, who hesitate not in the most unblushing manner to cheat their fellow citizens in this abominable way

The evil demands a prompt energetic & decisive redress. The nature of it requires strict law and a rigorous execution of it.

The inconveniencies, to which the necessary provisions of such a law, may put the honest and fair trader, who would scorn to cheat his [269] neighbour, will never, the Committee trust be complained of but cheerfully submitted to by him: because he must perceive their necessity; while the complaints of those whose iniquitous practices call for such a law & whose iniquities it is intended to restrain; will only manifest more clearly by their clamors the necessity of enacting it

The Committee have requested the Council of the Board to draft an ordinance pursuant to the ideas furnished him by them and which ordinance they beg leave to present to the Board as part of their Report

respectfully submitted

(Sig[d]) J Nitchie
Tho[s] R Smith
J Warren Brackett

Which Report was approved, and an ordinance entitled "an ordinance respecting weights and Measures," was read by paragraphs and passed

A Law was also presented entitled "an ordinance to prevent injury from mad dogs" which after some debate was passed.

The Committee to whom was refered the petition of Rodman Bowne Lessee of Catharine Ferry praying for accomodation for his ferry Reported

[270] That the petitioner has built a large and convenient ferry Boat to be propelled by the power of Horses, which will be ready to launch in a few days, that the ferry slip on the N Y side is too contracted to admit a Boat of her size without interfering with the Market Boats this difficulty so far as regards the ferry might be partially obviated in a temporary manner at a small expense—But your Committee after full and deliberate examination of the subject are of opinion that the public good will be best promoted by a permanent improvement, which will at once accomodate both the ferry & the market and for that purpose they respectfully recommend that Catharine Slip be filled in to the Southerly line of front Street, and that a Pier on each side of the Slip be run out to the distance of *of* one hundred thirty feet receding on each side respectively, thirty six feet from the line of the Slips. That the lessee of the Ferry pay the proportion which would otherwise be borne by the Corporation for building the said Piers—The Expense of which is estimated at five thousand six hundred Dollars and in consideration thereof and of his having expended considerable sums of money for the benefit of the said [271] ferry that his lease be extended for the term of eight years to commence from the expiration of his present lease, which will end the first of May 1827 at the present lease of one thousand two hundred and seventy five Dollars, and with a view to promote the further improvement of the ferry your Committee also recommend that a covenant be inserted in the Lease, that at the expiration of the said term the Corporation will take from the lessee such number of boats of every description as